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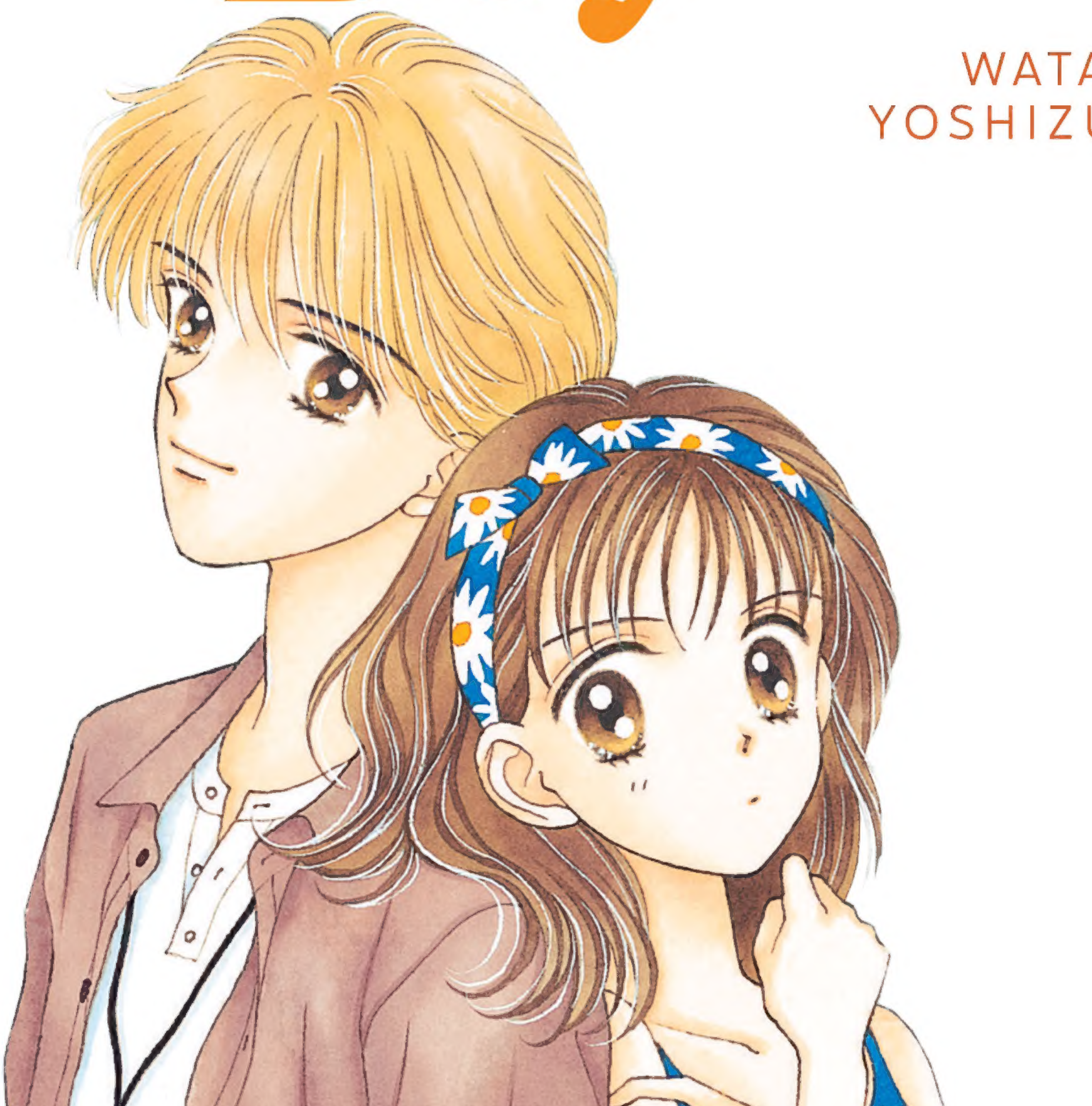

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LISTEN, MIKI...

WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU. PLEASE TRY NOT TO GET UPSET.

BEAM にこり

YOUR FATHER AND I...

ARE GETTING DIVORCED! ♡

...

MY PARENTS'...

SUDDEN ANNOUNCE-MENT THAT DAY...

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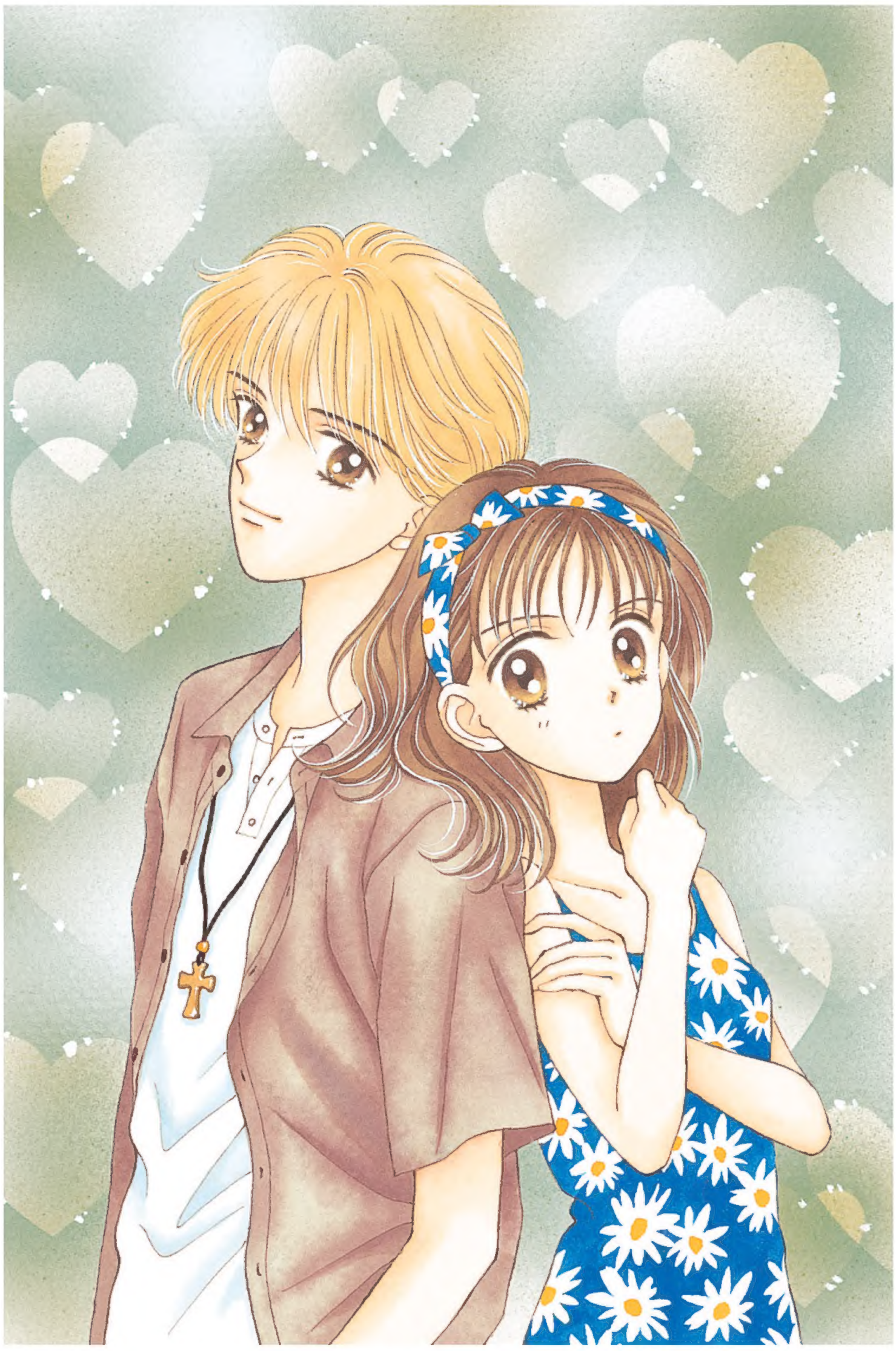
WHAT?!

WH...

WAS...

ONLY THE BEGINNING OF MY AGONY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!



Cover illustration for Cobalt-Pinky's release
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THEY SAID "WE'RE GETTING DIVORCED" WITH BIG SMILES?

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THAT'S BANANAS.

UGH! I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

MONCH MONCH

THEY PUNCTU-ATED IT WITH A *HEART* AND EVERY-THING!

COM-PLETELY BANA-NAS!!

WHY, THOUGH? YOUR PARENTS ARE SO CLOSE!

I MEAN, THEY JUST GOT BACK FROM THAT HAWAII TRIP THEY TOOK WITHOUT YOU.

I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS WEIRD WHEN MOM GOT OUT THE GOOD TEA SET.

BUT I NEVER EXPECTED *THAT!*

THE MATSU-URAS?!

WHO ARE *THEY*?!

THAT'S WHAT STARTED ALL THIS.

UGH!

THAT HAWAII TRIP!

WHILE WE WERE THERE, YOUR MOTHER AND MATSUURA-SAN, AND MYSELF AND HIS WIFE...

ENDED UP FALLING IN LOVE.

ANOTHER COUPLE FROM OUR TOUR GROUP IN HAWAII.

WE'RE ALL AROUND THE SAME AGE, AND WE REALLY HIT IT OFF.

SO, AFTER THE FOUR OF US DID A LOT OF TALKING, WE DECIDED TO TRADE SPOUSES AND REMARRY.

THAT'S RIGHT!

L...

LOVE...?!

7!! AGHAST !

TR...

TRADE SPOUSES?!

Y...

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!

I'VE NEVER HEARD *ANYTHING* THIS RIDICULOUS!!

TRUE, THERE'S NOT REALLY A PRECEDENT FOR THIS SORT OF SITUATION.

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.

WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!

EVEN BEFORE WE GOT MARRIED, WE WERE MORE BEST FRIENDS THAN LOVERS.

BUT IT'S NOT ROMANTIC LOVE. IT'S FAMILIAL.

IT ISN'T THAT WE DON'T LOVE EACH OTHER ANYMORE. WE STILL LOVE EACH OTHER VERY MUCH.

EVEN IF THE SPARK IS GONE, STAYING TOGETHER PURELY OUT OF AFFECTION IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE MARRIED, ISN'T IT?!!

TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TR

THAT'S RIGHT. IF IT HAD ONLY BEEN ONE OF US, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INFIDELITY, WHICH COULD HAVE GOTTEN UGLY.

BUT WE BOTH FELL IN LOVE WITH OTHER PARTNERS AT THE SAME TIME, SO THERE'S NO ISSUE.

IN MOST CASES, SURE.

MIKI...

COME BACK TO YOUR SENSES!!

QUIT JOKING AROUND!

KRASH

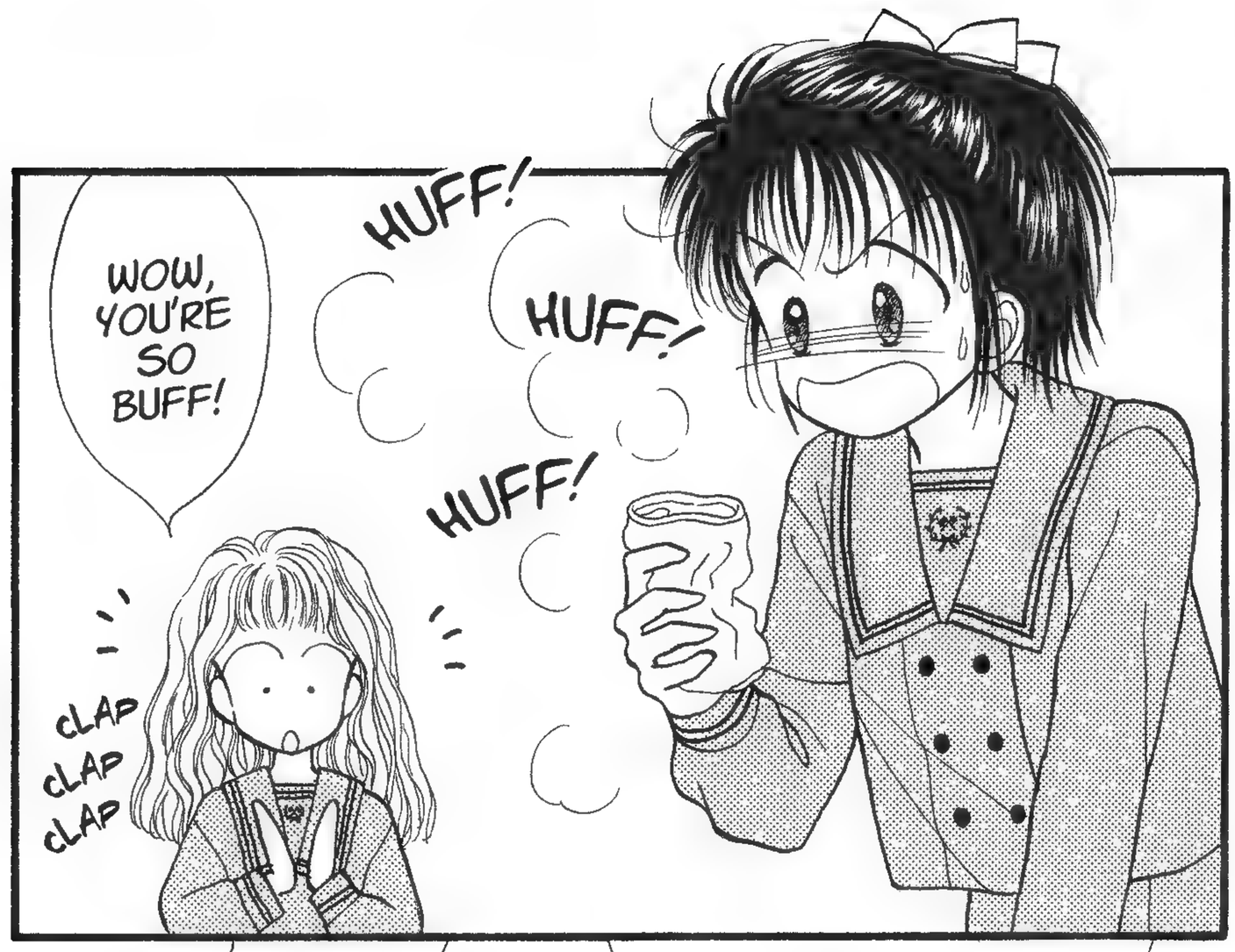
WHO WOULD...

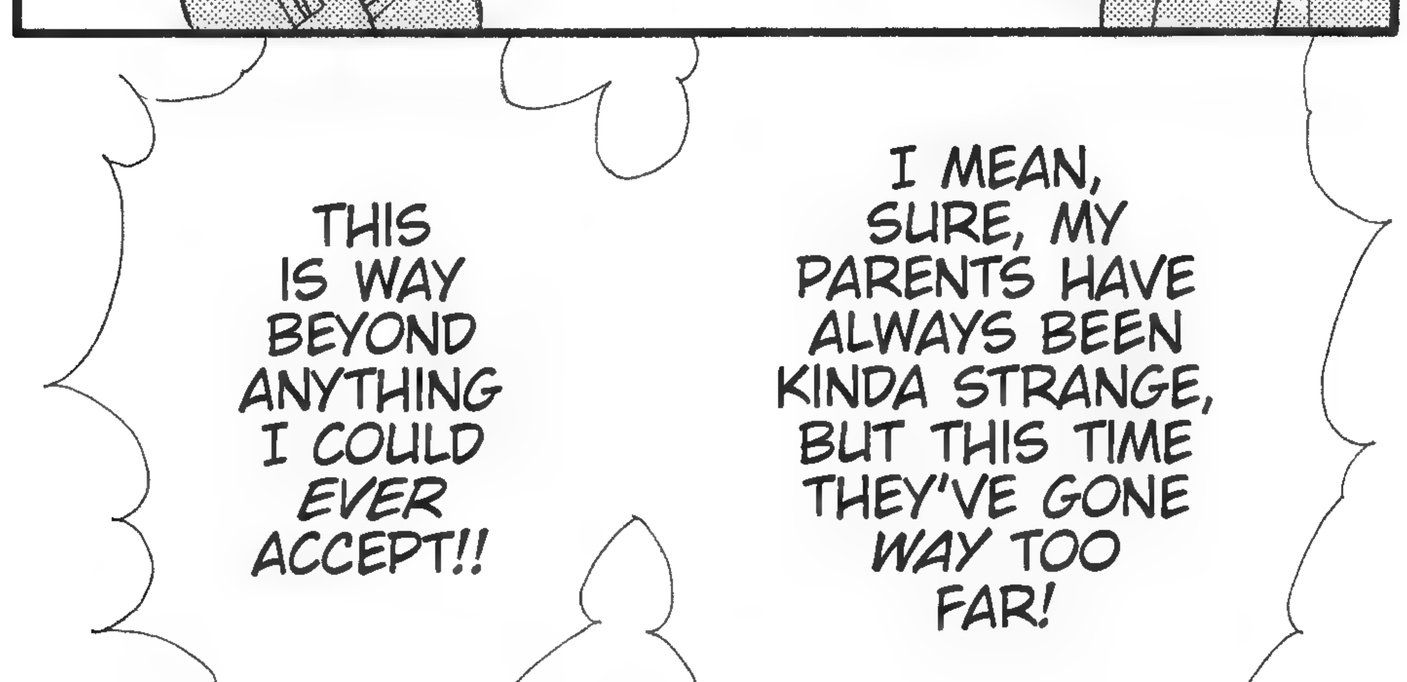
EVER INDULGE THEM IN THIS?!!

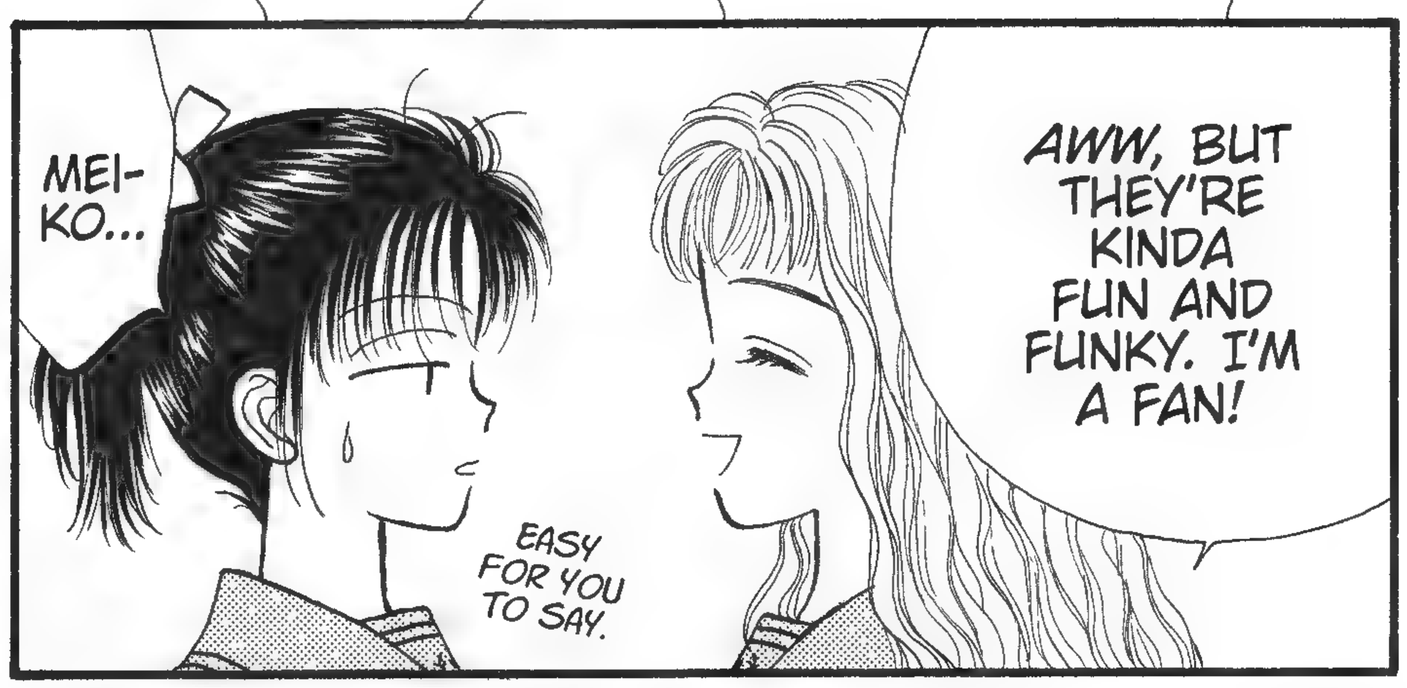
WE WANT TO EMBRACE THE PASSION WE FINALLY DISCOVERED AFTER MEETING THE MATSUURAS.

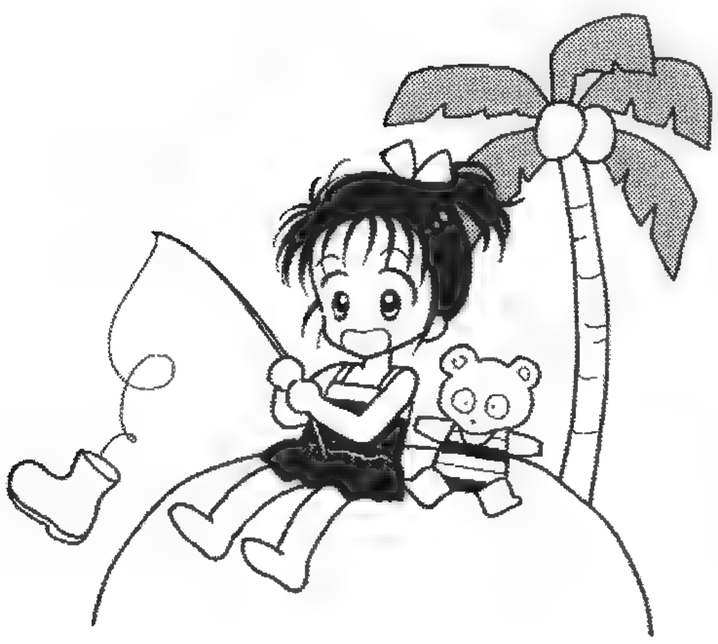
SO PLEASE...

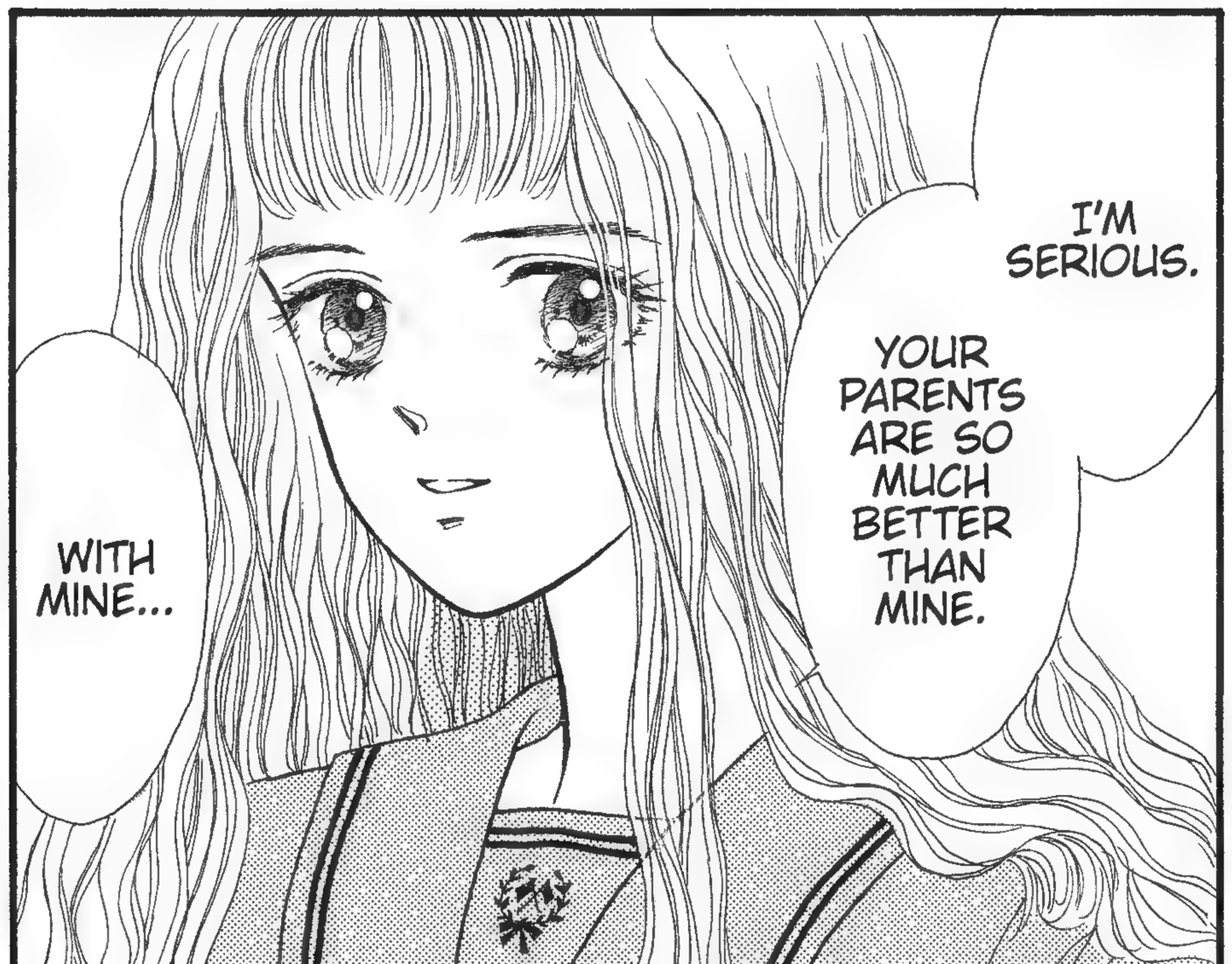
INDULGE US. OKAY?


WOW, YOU'RE SO BUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
CLAP CLAP CLAP


THIS IS WAY BEYOND ANYTHING I COULD EVER ACCEPT!!
I MEAN, SURE, MY PARENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN KINDA STRANGE, BUT THIS TIME THEY'VE GONE WAY TOO FAR!


MEI-KO...
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.
AWW, BUT THEY'RE KINDA FUN AND FUNKY. I'M A FAN!




I'M SERIOUS.
YOUR PARENTS ARE SO MUCH BETTER THAN MINE.
WITH MINE...

I JUST WISH THEY'D GET IT OVER WITH.

THEY HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT FEELS TO WATCH YOUR PARENTS HATE EACH OTHER.

THEIR RELATION-SHIP IS COMPLETELY DONE. THEY'RE BOTH HAVING AFFAIRS.

BUT MY DAD WORRIES ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE THINK AND MY MOM WORRIES ABOUT MONEY, SO THEY WON'T GET DIVORCED.

MEIKO...

IS THAT WHY YOU TURN DOWN EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU OUT?

YOU'RE SO POPULAR, THOUGH.

I'M...

NEVER GETTING MARRIED.

AH, THAT'S NOT IT! THEY'RE JUST NEVER MY TYPE.

I MAY HAVE LOST FAITH IN MARRIAGE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'VE LOST FAITH IN MEN!

TEE-HEE!

OH NO!

I GOTTA GET HOME!

GOT PLANS?

YEAH, WE'RE HAVING DINNER WITH THE MATSU-URAS.

I NEED TO WORK OUT A WAY TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS.

GINTA!

YOU'RE LEAV-ING?

BUT WE HAVE PRAC-TICE.

THANKS, MEIKO!

LATER!

GO GET 'EM!

FAMILY STUFF?

TELL THE CAPTAIN FOR ME.

I CAN'T MAKE IT TODAY. FAMILY STUFF.

MY PARENTS ARE SUCH A PAIN.

BUT THEY ARE STILL MY PARENTS.

PLEASE AND THANK YOU!

I'LL TELL YOU LATER, OKAY?

.....

IT'S PRIVATE.

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

GRILL, RESTAL MIKAW

THIS IS OUR DAUGHTER, MIKI.

I'M PUTTING MY FOOT DOWN!!

I CAN'T JUST SIT AND WATCH THEM GO AGAINST COMMON DECENCY LIKE THIS.

MIKI...

NICE TO MEET YOU!

THIS IS MATSUURA YOUJI-SAN...

AND HIS WIFE, CHIYAKO-SAN.

HELLO THERE, MIKI-CHAN.

ARE YOU REALLY SWAPPING SPOUSES WITH MY PARENTS AND GETTING REMAR-RIED?

UM... I'M STILL HAVING A HARD TIME BELIEV-ING ALL THIS.

THEY SEEM LIKE A NICE COUPLE.

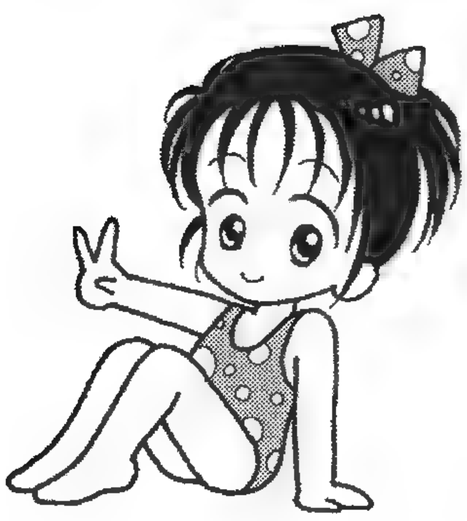
LIKE PERFECTLY SENSIBLE PEOPLE.

NICE TO MEET YOU...

SO MUCH FOR "SEN-SIBLE."

GRIN GRIN

YEP!



HE SAID HE'D COME RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL.

HE SHOULD BE ALONG SHORTLY.

WHERE'S YUU-KUN?

HE'S IN HIS FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, JUST LIKE YOU.

THE MATSU-URAS' SON.

YUU-KUN?

SO, THE MATSUURAS HAVE A KID, TOO!

SOMEONE ELSE HAS TO DEAL WITH PARENTS THIS CRAZY!!

THEIR SON?!

OH...!!

OH, THERE HE IS!

OVER HERE, YUU!

ALL RIGHT! WE'LL PUT A STOP TO THIS TOGETH-ER!

THIS IS GREAT. WITH SOMEONE ELSE ON MY SIDE, I CAN STAND MY GROUND.

BA-DMP

SORRY!

AM I LATE?

AH.

GOOD.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, WE WERE JUST GETTING STARTED.

H...

HE'S SO CUTE!

THIS IS YUU-KUN?!

THIS IS KOISHI-KAWA JIN-SAN...

AND KOISHI-KAWA RUMI-SAN.

AND THEIR DAUGHTER, MIKI-CHAN.

OH NO, HOW DO I HANDLE THIS? I'M SO LUCKY TO MEET SOMEONE LIKE HIM...

EEE!

SMILE

HELLO!

HIS SMILE IS SUPER CHARM-ING!!

UM.

I NEED TO BE HONEST.

I'M TOTALLY AGAINST THIS.

RIGHT NOW...

WHAT I NEED TO DO IS...

THIS IS NOT THE TIME!

WAIT. WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

?

FWP FWP

TRMBL TRMBL

OURS TOO! THEY'VE COMPLETELY GIVEN UP ON US!

WE THOUGHT THEY'D BE MORE RESISTANT, BUT WE'VE ALWAYS FOLLOWED OUR HEARTS, SO NOBODY WAS SURPRISED. THEY JUST SAID, "DO WHATEVER YOU WANT."

OUR RELATIVES WILL NEVER ACCEPT--

I MEAN, THIS IS JUST WAY TOO OUT THERE!!

ST-STILL!

WHAT ABOUT WHAT EVERYONE *ELSE* THINKS--

YOU CERTAINLY ARE RIGID FOR YOUR AGE.

WHAT MATTERS MOST IS HOW *WE* FEEL.

OH, DON'T WORRY! THAT'S ALREADY BEEN DEALT WITH.

IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.

ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUST GET JERKED AROUND BY OUR PARENTS' SELFISH WHIMS--

BWAM

AND WHAT ABOUT HOW YUU-KUN AND I FEEL?!

IF THEY'RE COOL WITH IT, THEN SO AM I.

AND IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU AT *ALL*?!

WHAT?!

YOUR PARENTS ARE SAYING ALL THESE CRAZY THINGS...

YOUR SOUP'S GONNA GET COLD. EAT.

DOES HE HAVE NERVES OF STEEL?!

OUR FAMILIES ARE ON THE VERGE OF RUIN, AND HE'S COMPLETELY UNFAZED!

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A PROBLEM WITH THIS IS MIKI.

SO...

TH...

THIS GUY'S NUTS!

I'M SURE YOU'LL SOON COME TO LOVE THEM, TOO.

HE'S RIGHT, MIKI.

ONCE SHE GETS TO KNOW YOU BETTER, I'M SURE SHE'LL SEE HOW GREAT YOU ARE.

WELL, SHE'S ONLY JUST MET YOU THREE.

PLIP

PLIP

PLIP

AH!

I MEAN... THEY AREN'T LIKE NORMAL PARENTS AT ALL! THEY'RE FRIVOLOUS.

THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT MY GRADES AND NEVER ASK TO SEE MY REPORT CARDS.

IF MY PARENTS GET DI-VORCED...

AND EACH MARRY SOMEONE ELSE...

WHO WILL I LIVE WITH?

WHAT HAPPENS TO ME?

THEY'RE FULL OF NOTHING BUT FLAWS!

THEY DON'T MAKE MUCH MONEY AND WASTE WHAT THEY *DO* MAKE ON USELESS JUNK!

SHUNK

SHUNK

AND THEY ALWAYS OVER-SLEEP!

THEY CAN'T COOK...

SHUNK

I CAN'T...!

BEING WITHOUT EITHER OF THEM...

B... BUT...

THEY'RE STILL MY MOM AND DAD!

SILENCE...

SNIFF...

SNIFF...

SNIFFLE...

BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.

YES, THANK YOU.

THOUGH I HAVE SOME NOTES.

THANK YOU... FOR BEING HONEST WITH US, MIKI.

WE'RE... GOING TO RENT A BIG HOUSE FOR ALL SIX OF US!

DON'T POSE LIKE THAT AT YOUR AGE!

AND YOU AND YUU WILL STILL BE ON THE FAMILY REGISTER UNDER YOUR FATHERS' NAMES, SO YOUR SURNAMES WON'T CHANGE EITHER.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? ISN'T IT A GOOD PLAN?

YES, WE'RE TRADING SPOUSES, BUT YOU'LL STILL HAVE BOTH PARENTS.

SO, YOUR FATHER AND I WILL STILL HAVE THE SAME RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.

I SAID STOP POSING!

THIS IS INSANE!!

WOBBLE

TH...

YOU...

MUST BE JOKING...

ARE YOU STILL AGAINST THIS...NO MATTER WHAT?

WELL, MIKI?

G...

GIMME A BREAK!

DAZE DAZE

SO YOU'RE SAYING... WE'RE ALL GOING TO BECOME A SINGLE HOUSE-HOLD...

THAT'S THE PLAN!

AH!

I AM ABSO-LUTELY N--

OF COURSE I AM!

WH...

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

SORROW

I'M NOT THE ONE IN THE WRONG HERE!

WHY ARE THEY LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

JUST GIVE IT UP.

F...

TREMBLE

FINE!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

HOW DID THINGS END UP THIS WAY?

I JUST...

CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

DONK

YOU'RE IN THE WAY!

AFTER THAT...

.....

MY PARENTS AND THE MATSUURAS REALLY DID GET DIVORCED.

AND WE REALLY RENTED A HOUSE FOR THE SIX OF US TO LIVE IN.

RIGHT?

I'M SO GLAD WE FOUND A NICE PLACE!

QUIT SPACING OUT AND GO GET YOUR BOXES!

YOU'RE BURNING DAYLIGHT!!

WHICH IS **NOT NORMAL!**

SO, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS, OUR HOME CONTAINS FOUR UNRELATED ADULTS AND THEIR SON AND DAUGHTER, ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

IF YOU'RE A WOMAN, THAT IS. MEN CAN GET REMARRIED RIGHT AWAY..

THEY'RE NOT RE-MARRIED YET.

LEGALLY, YOU HAVE TO WAIT SIX MONTHS AFTER A DIVORCE TO DO THAT.

JIN!

YOUJI, YOU TOO!

OR WOULD IT BE BETTER AGAINST THE OTHER WALL?

HOW'S THIS SPOT FOR THE CUP-BOARD?

HMM, WELL...

CHIYAKO!

WHEW—

Miki

WHY'S HE BEING SO FAMILIAR?

CALLING ME "MIKI" ALREADY...

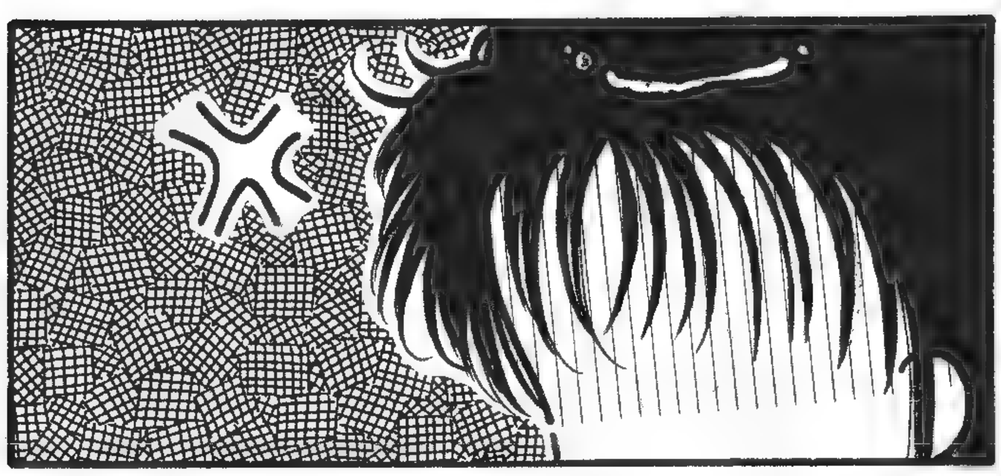
HEY, MIKI!

DON'T BE A SLACK-ER!

LET'S GO SHOPPING!

YOUR FACE AND TONE ARE BOTH BOORISH, SO WHAT ABOUT *THAT?*

YEAH, WELL...YOUR BOORISH TONE DOESN'T MATCH YOUR FACE, SO WHAT ABOUT IT?



DOES THIS MEAN YOU'VE FINALLY GIVEN UP?

IT DOESN'T MATCH WITH THE GIRL WHO MADE SUCH A SCENE AT DINNER THE OTHER WEEK.

YOU'RE SURE BEING QUIET.

AND...

SUCKS THAT I HAVE SUCH WEIRDOS FOR PARENTS, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT IS.

I... *HAVE* GIVEN UP.

I WON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT IT ANY-MORE...

BUT...

THIS STILL ISN'T NORMAL! IT'S **WEIRD!**

SEEING THOSE FOUR...

GETTING ALONG AND HAVING FUN LIKE THEY'VE BEEN BEST FRIENDS FOREVER...

THAT'S WHERE I DRAW THE LINE!!

BUT I'M NOT GETTING TAINTED BY IT EITHER.

MAKES ME THINK THIS WAS FOR THE BEST.

DON'T BE SO CONTRARY.

BUT THE FACT THAT OUR FAMILIES BOTH JUST DOUBLED IN SIZE IS KINDA FUN, RIGHT?

SURE, IT'S NOT NORMAL.

BA-DMP

LET'S GET ALONG.

'KAY?

SHAKE? ♡

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HE GAVE ME SOMETH--

CLASP

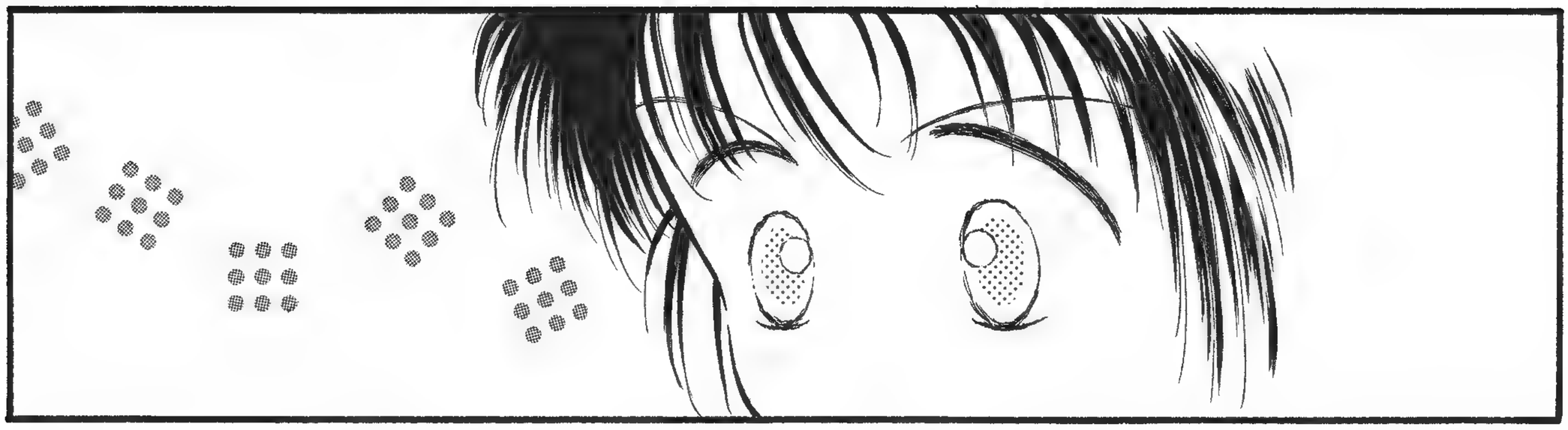
O...

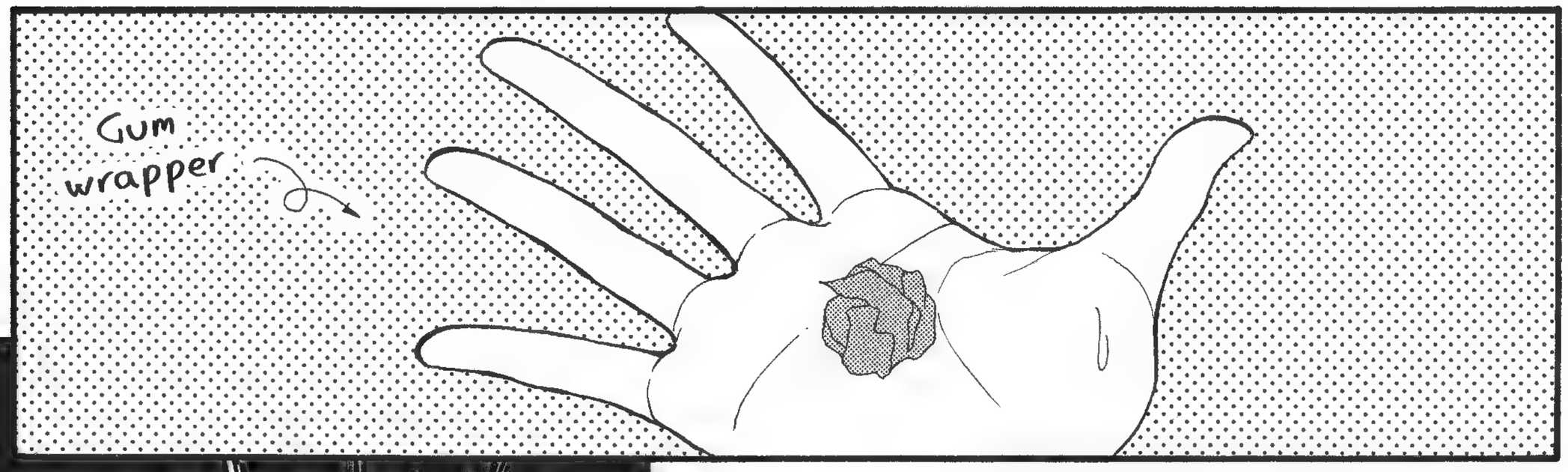
KAY...

OH, WOW.

HE REALLY IS...

SUPER CUTE.

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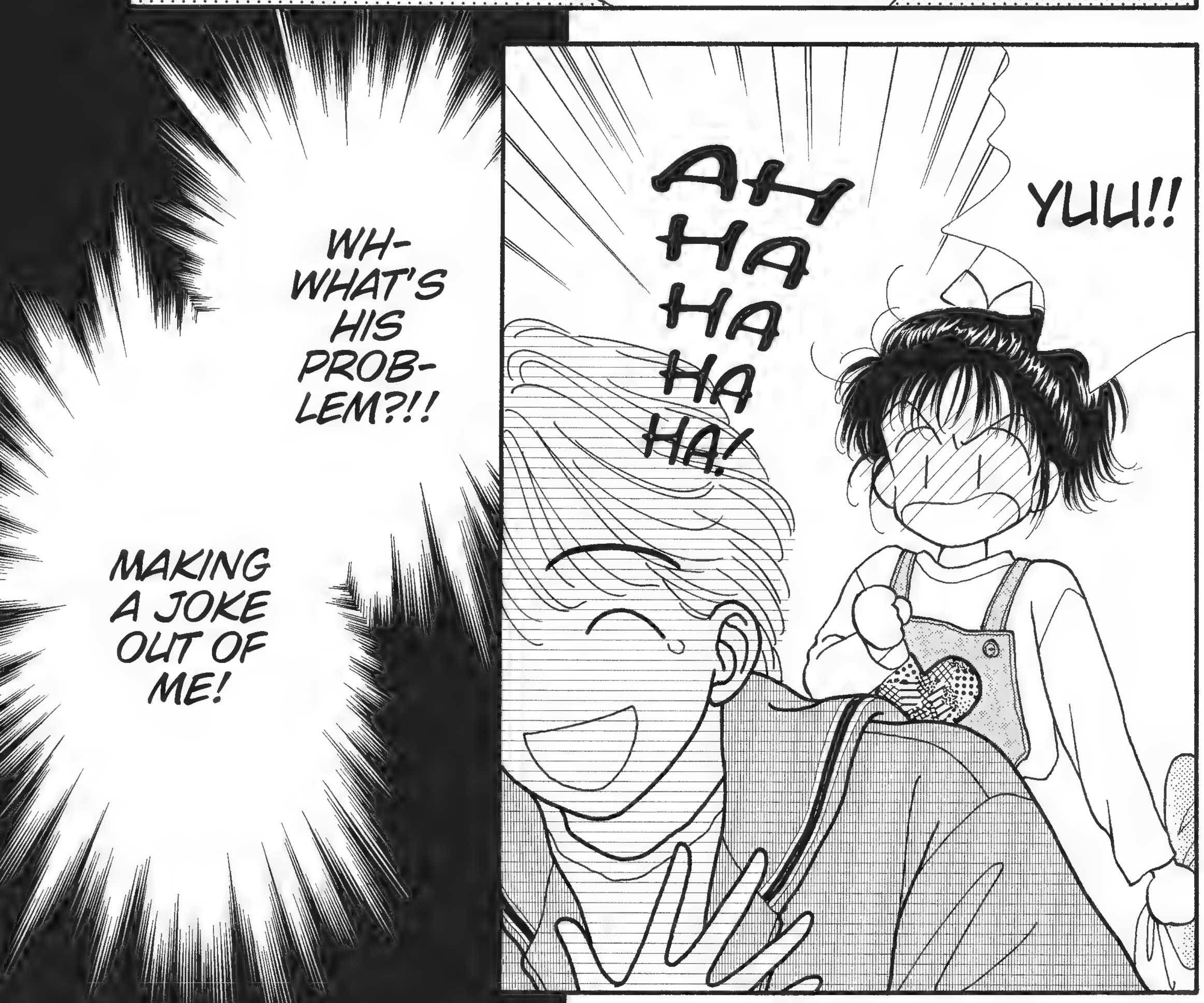
WH-WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?!!
MAKING A JOKE OUT OF ME!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!
YUH!!

HA HA!

SHE'S JUST SO FUN TO MESS WITH.

DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO MIKI-CHAN? SHE SEEMS UPSET AGAIN.

HEY, YUU!

TONE IT DOWN.

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YUU...

THIS SUCKS!!

YUU...

AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL HAPPY, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.

NOPE.

BUT ARE YOU REALLY FINE WITH IT?

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO EASY-GOING.

YOU DON'T HAVE *ANY* PROB-LEMS?

EVEN WITH ALL OF THIS, YOU HAVEN'T COMPLAINED AND JUST LET US FOLLOW OUR HEARTS...

LISTEN ...

PLEASE TRY TO GET ALONG WITH THE MATSU-URAS.

YEAH, FOR THE MOST PART.

MIKI, HAVE YOU UN-PACKED?

FINE.

AND WITH YUU-KUN.

ALL RIGHT.

I'M ASKING YOU NOT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YUU-KUN.

HUH?

BUT...

NO FALLING IN LOVE.

YEAH, YEAH.

I GET IT.

OKAY?

SO, GET ALONG AS FAMILY...

SURE.

WELL, IT'S TIME FOR DINNER. LET'S HEAD DOWN TO THE DINING ROOM.

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.

WHOSE FAULT IS THIS MESS AGAIN?

THINGS IN THIS HOUSE ARE COMPLICATED ENOUGH AS IT IS. IF YOU TWO GOT TOGETHER...WHY, IT WOULD JUST BE A COMPLETE MESS HERE.

WHAT IS MOM EVEN TALKING ABOUT?

WOW!

SO EXTRAVA-GANT!

OKAY, I ADMIT HE'S ATTRACTIVE. (MY HEART EVEN POUNDED SEVERAL TIMES BY ACCIDENT.)

CHEERS!

BUT WHO WOULD FALL...

FOR SOME WEIRD BOY WHO CAN GO ALONG WITH ALL THIS WEIRD STUFF...

WITH NO PROB-LEM?

HEY, MIKI!

MEIKO! MORN-ING!

MY BIZARRE NEW LIFE HAS FINALLY STARTED.

YEAH, I GUESS.

DID YOUR MOVE GO ALL RIGHT?

THIS IS MY ONLY SAFE...

IF I'M AT SCHOOL, I DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANY OF MY WEIRDO FAMILY!

AND YET, YOU'RE PRETTY CHIPPER.

YOWCH!

WHAT'RE YOU--?!

BONK

HAVEN--

THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE HEAD-ING TO SCHOOL!

COMMUTING TO YOKOHAMA WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE.

SO I TRANSFERRED.

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING OUR UNIFORM?!

NO ONE SAID ANYTHING TO ME!!

RUMI-SAN SUGGESTED IT. SHE SAID SINCE YOUR SCHOOL FEEDS INTO A UNIVERSITY, THINGS HERE ARE MORE LAID-BACK.

IF WE HAD, YOU WOULD JUST HAVE COMPLAINED AND OPPOSED IT.

Y...

YUU?!

STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ONE OF YOUR WEIRDO FAMILY MEMBERS.

HEH HEH.

EVEN AT SCHOOL, YOU...

TOO BAD.

HE HEARD ME...

...

WHAT A NIGHT-MARE.

DRAG DRAG

IT'S MY FIRST DAY, SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS.

NOW, SHOW ME TO THE FACULTY OFFICE.

YOKOHAMA'S CLOSE ENOUGH! YOU CAN STILL COMMUTE!

THEN YOU COMMUTE THERE.

LOOKS LIKE IT.

DOES MIKI KNOW HIM?

GINTA!

MEIKO...

WHO'S THAT? A TRANS-FER?

.....

"KINDA LIKE"?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

THEY'RE ...

KINDA LIKE SIB-LINGS.

I HEAR HE'S REALLY CUTE!!

A TRANSFER STUDENT HERE?! THAT'S UNUSUAL!

A BOY!

DID YOU HEAR? SOMEONE TRANSFERRED INTO 1-B!

I GUESS THAT'S NOT SURPRISING, GIVEN HIS LOOKS.

HIS FIRST DAY HERE AND HE'S ALREADY MR. POPULAR AMONG THE GIRLS.

HE HAD TO BE IN MY CLASS, TOO?

SURE.

CAN I CALL YOU ALL BY YOUR FIRST NAMES TOO, THEN?

THIS SCHOOL'S AFFILIATED WITH A UNIVERSITY, SO EVERYONE'S BEEN TOGETHER SINCE JUNIOR HIGH. SINCE WE ALL KNOW EACH OTHER, MOST PEOPLE CALL EACH OTHER BY THEIR FIRST NAMES.

HEY, CAN I CALL YOU YUU?

DEFI-NITELY!

MIKI!

COURT'S FREE, WANNA GET IN SOME EXTRA PRAC-TICE?

YECH!

EEE! YES, YES!

I'M ATSUKO!

I'M MIE!

MATSU-
URA-
KUN?

TOKK

TOKK

TOKK

MIKI'S OVER THERE.

I'M AKIZUKI MEIKO.

A PLEA-SURE.

OH YEAH, YOU WERE WITH MIKI THIS MORNING.

MM-HMM.

THAT'S SUOU GINTA.

HE'S IN OUR CLASS TOO, RIGHT?

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NO, SHE WON'T.

NO.

BUT THEY'RE VERY CLOSE.

HE'S MIKI'S BOY-FRIEND?

THEY'VE BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE JUNIOR HIGH.

SO, SHE'LL PROBABLY CONFESS SOON, THEN?

IN OUR SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH, MIKI CONFESSED TO GINTA.

THE WAY HE TURNED HER DOWN TORE HER APART.

YOU SEE...

OH...

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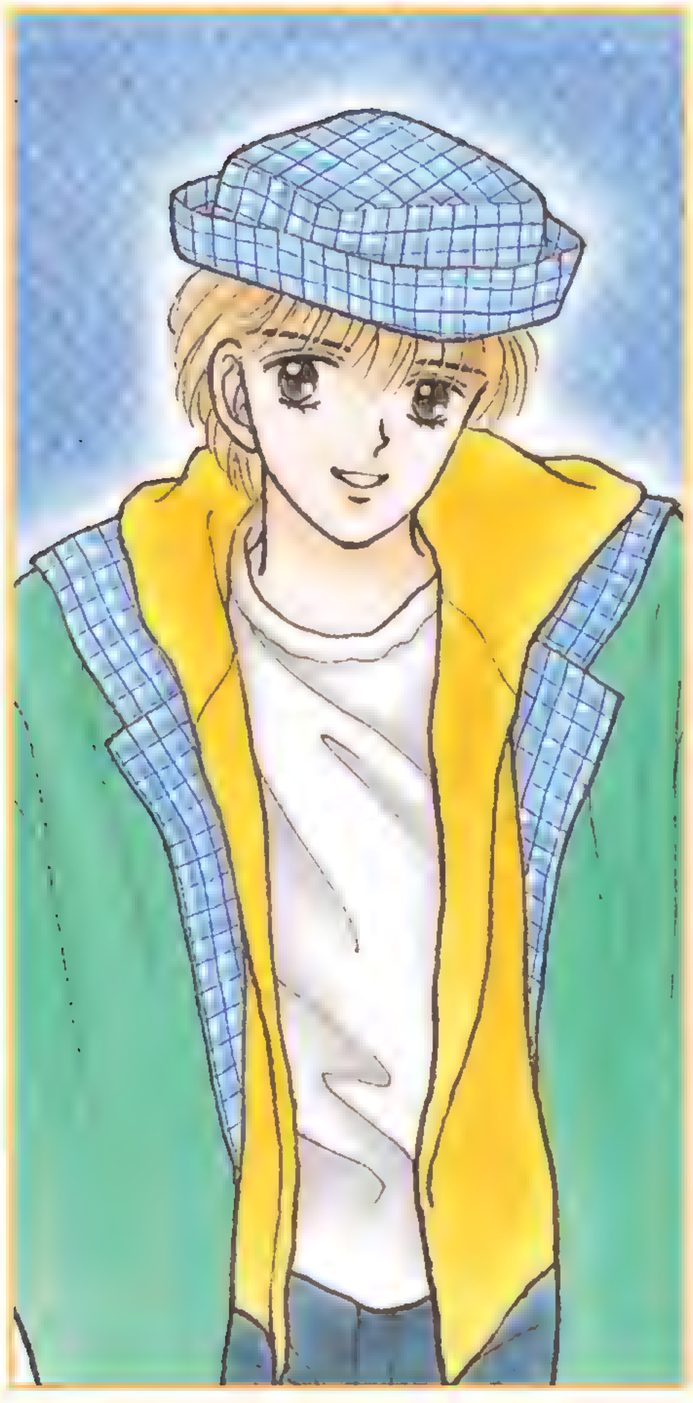

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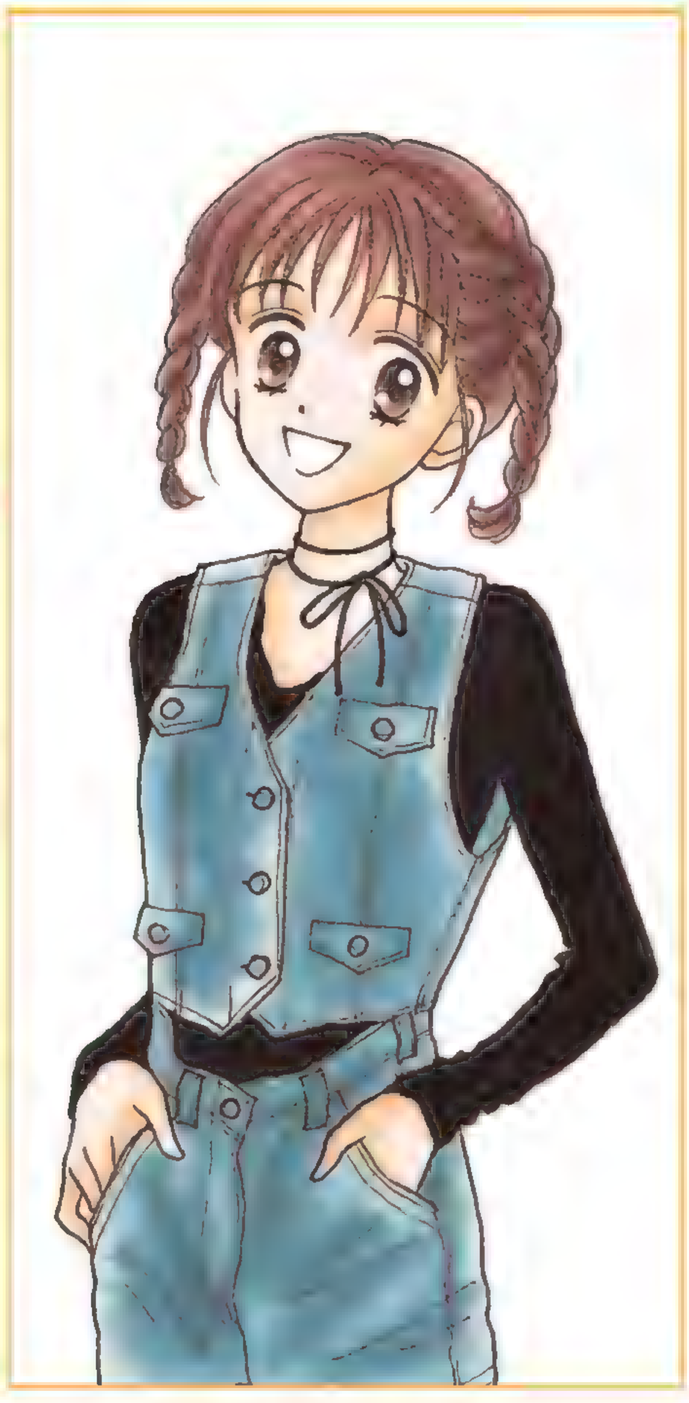

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The famous transfer student who's shot to the top of the popularity charts with every girl in school...

From Class 1-B, Matsuura Yuu-kun!

We've got a fascinating guest in the studio with us today.

It's the broad-cast club, bringing you your Lunchtime News!

Hey, every-one!

Hello there.

I'm Matsu-ura.

THAT IDIOT.

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EUEEEEE!

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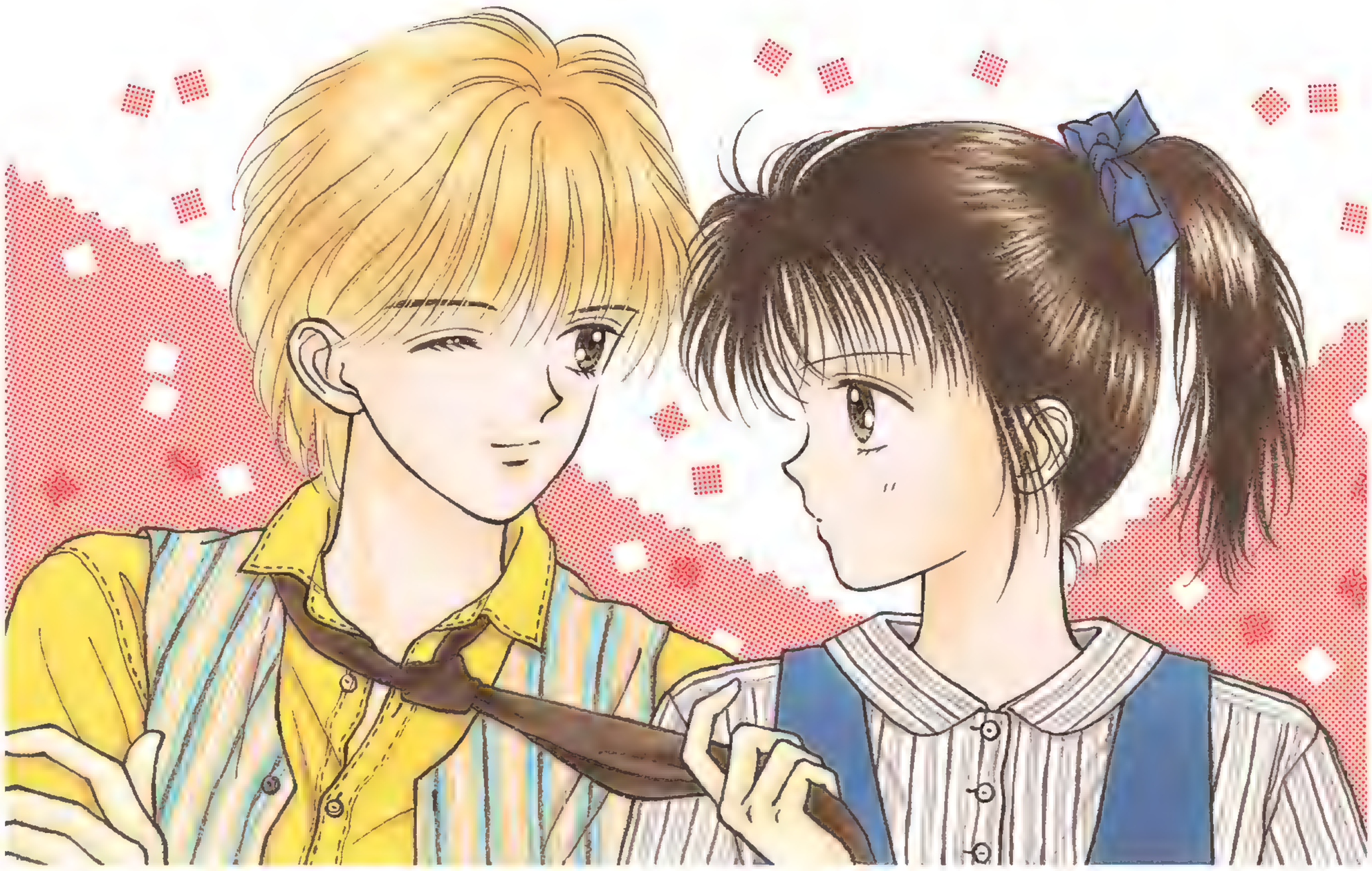

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PREVIEW

By the way, Matsuura-kun...

And that's it for Matsuura-kun's profile!

I'M JUST GONNA IGNORE HIM.

WHAT HE DOES IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

WOW.

MATSUURA-KUN LOOKS GREAT ON-CAMERA, TOO.

There are tons of rumors going around about it.

there's a girl you walk to school with every morning, isn't there?

WE LIVE TOGETHER.

Nonchalant

CHATTER

It's, uh, not like that.

So then, are you cohabi--

Wh... what a bomb-shell!

Whaaat ?!!

BNAM!

WAIT!!

I CAN EXPLAIN!

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

My parents are friends with his!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our families recently started living together. That's all!!

O-oh. I see.

IF EVERYONE KNEW THE TRUTH, I COULDN'T SHOW MY FACE IN SCHOOL.

CLOSE ENOUGH!!

MUTTER

MUTTER

THAT'S NOT QUITE IT, IS IT?

DON'T EXAGGER-ATE!

I JUST TOLD YOU WE ONLY SHARE AN ADDRESS!

YOU HEARD IT HERE, FOLKS! APPARENTLY, THEY'RE FAMILY FRIENDS!

AND AS INTIMATE AS YOU WOULD EXPECT.

SORRY, JUST A BIT LONG-ER...

I HAVEN'T HAD LUNCH.

HEY, CAN I GO NOW?

OOF!

OW!

WAAGH! I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!

AND WHAT'S WITH THIS PHOTO?!

YOU BROAD-CAST GUYS GO WAY TOO FAR!!

SQUABBLE SQUABBLE

HYAH HA HA!

AH HA HA HA!

HE'S TOTALLY TERRIFIED OF MIKI.

HILARIOUS.

CHECK OUT THE LOOK ON THE BROADCAST CLUB GUY'S FACE!

HMPH.

SO STUPID.

JEEZ!!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND THE BROADCAST CLUB, I'M A LAUGHING-STOCK!

I'M, THE LAUGHING-STOCK.

DON'T BLAME ME.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CRASHED THE SHOW AND MADE IT INTO A WHOLE THING.

BUT...!!

IF I HADN'T SHOWN UP, YOU WOULD HAVE BLABBED TO EVERYONE ABOUT OUR FAMILIES!

KOISHI-KAWA!

MATSU-URA!

I DO!

WHO CARES?

NAC-CHAN!

WHY NOT BE A REGULAR GUEST?

VERY ENTER-TAINING.

PLEASE STOP.

I SAW THE SHOW.

THAT WAS QUITE A PERFOR-MANCE!

R-RIGHT...

SURE.

GRAB!

YOU ABSOLUTELY *HAVE* TO KEEP IT SECRET FROM EVERYONE ELSE!!

OH, RIGHT!

NACCHAN, YOU'RE OUR HOMEROOM TEACHER, SO YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT OUR FAMILIES' INSANE SHENANIGANS.

OKAY!

THANKS!

I KNOW YOU TWO ARE GOING THROUGH A LOT. HANG IN THERE.

IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE, YOU CAN COME TALK TO ME ANYTIME.

THOUGH HE'S YOUNG, SO HE CAN BE A LITTLE FLAKY AT TIMES.

HE'S A REALLY GOOD TEACHER AND SUPER POPULAR.

YUP.

HIS NAME IS NAMURA, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY PEOPLE CALL HIM NACCHAN?

HE'S ALSO THE ADVISOR FOR THE TENNIS TEAM.

I WASN'T PLANNING ON IT.

RUDE.

WHA?! NO WAY!

PLEASE, NOT THAT! DON'T JOIN MY CLUB!!

WELL...

IN JUNIOR HIGH, I WAS IN THE TENNIS CLUB, TOO.

BY THE WAY, YUU, WHAT CLUB ARE YOU GONNA JOIN?

I DIDN'T WANNA GET TIED UP.

I HAVE LOTS I WANNA DO.

HUH?

WHY NOT?

I DON'T REALLY WANNA JOIN A CLUB IN HIGH SCHOOL ANYWAY.

I WASN'T IN ANY AT MY LAST SCHOOL.

YEAH, SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
.....
LIKE A JOB...?
OH, OR EXAM STUDY?
OUR UNIVERSITY DOESN'T REQUIRE AN ENTRANCE EXAM...
SO MAYBE THERE'S SOME-WHERE ELSE HE WANTS TO GO?
OH...
HEY.
WHAT'S THAT BUILD-ING?
BUT THAT'S STILL A LONG WAY AWAY.
HM? OH.
THAT'S THE LI-BRARY.

MEIKO'S IN THE LITERATURE CLUB, SO SHE GOES THERE SOMETIMES.

ALL THE BOOKS ARE REALLY OLD, SO IT BARELY GETS USED.

THAT EXPLAINS WHY I COULDN'T FIND IT.

OHH.

SO THE LIBRARY'S IN ITS OWN BUILDING.

AH.

IT'S FINE, I'LL JUST CUT FIFTH PERIOD.

HEY, YOU HAVEN'T EATEN LUNCH YET, RIGHT?

YOU BETTER HURRY BEFORE THE WARN-ING BELL RINGS.

I'LL BE BACK FOR SIXTH PERIOD GYM.

SEE YA.

WHAT ?!

AAAHH!

BUZZ

BUZZ

BUZZ

BUZZ

WAIT, WHAT? HOLD ON, YUU!

Marmalade Boy

FWIP FWIP

バーン BOM

バーン BOM

バーン BOM

PHWEE—

MIKI!

MIKI!

BUT WHERE DID HE GO?

I CAN NEVER SEEM TO GRASP WHAT HE'S UP TO...

OH, THERE HE IS.

HE CAME BACK LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD.

HM?

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US YOU WERE LIVING WITH YUU?

I *THOUGHT* YOU TWO WERE ACTING LIKE YOU KNEW EACH OTHER.

UHH.

I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS WORTH TELLING ANYONE.

OUR PARENTS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE CLOSE, SO IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US.

I'M SO JEALOUS! TRADE PLACES WITH ME!

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING? HE'S WASTED ON YOU!

YEAH, HE'S VERY KIND.

HE'S A GOOD GUY! SO SWEET.

I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.

HOW? UM...

WEIRD HOW?

SERIOUSLY? HIS LOOKS ARE HIS ONLY GOOD FEATURE.

HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY WEIRD!

AND EARLIER...

YESTER-DAY, HE HELPED ME PASS OUT PAPERS!

HE PICKS ON ME ALL THE TIME AND THEN ACTS ALL INNOCENT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE ELSE.

THAT JERK.

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, MATSUURA! GO FOR IT!

WHOO

WHOO

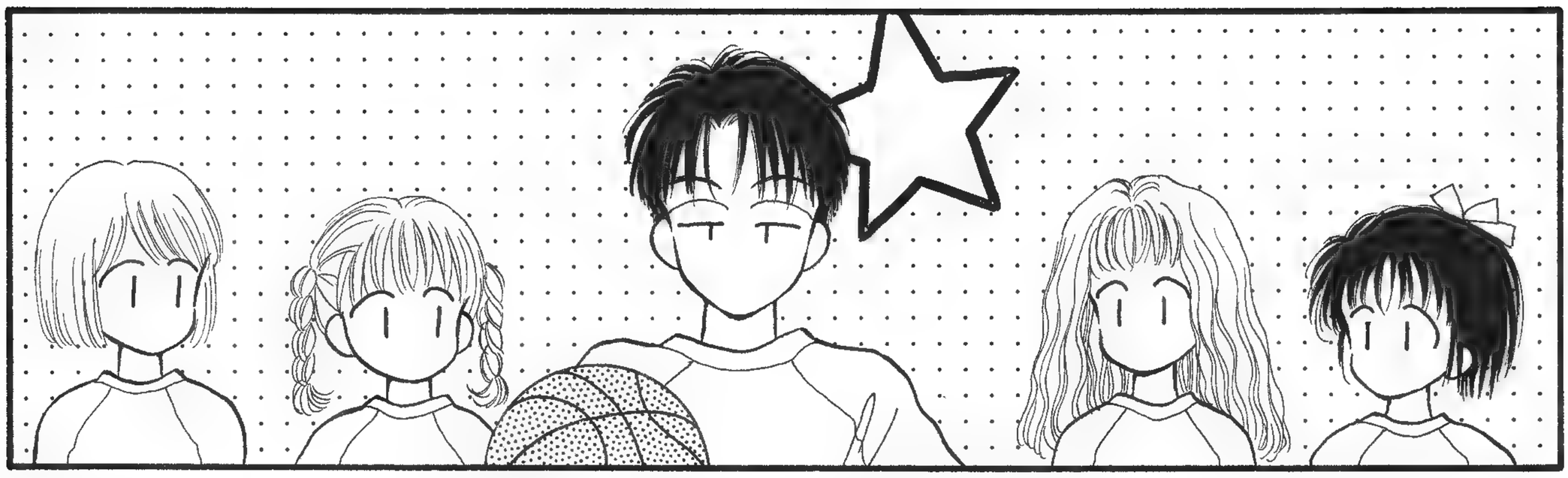
UGH.

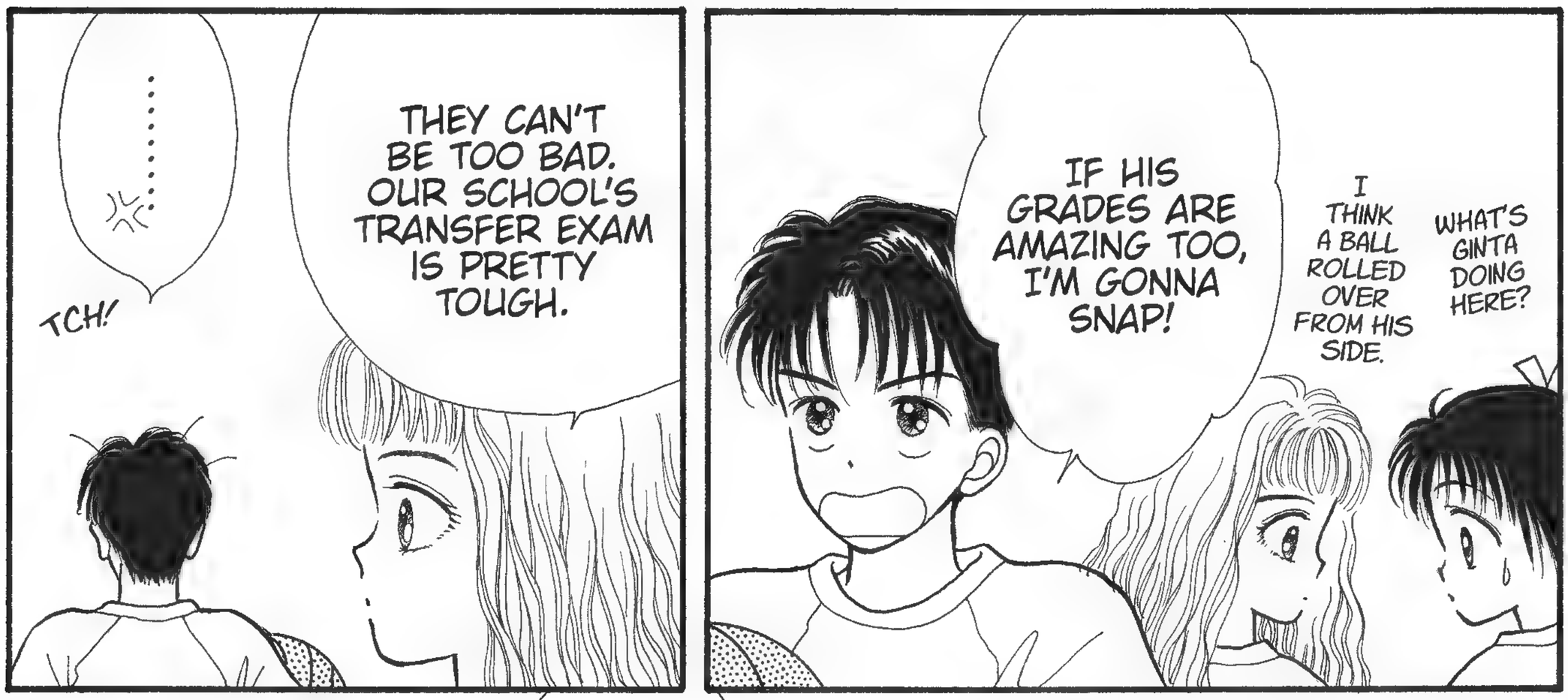
WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT.

HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT SPORTS.

WOW.

DID HE PLAY TENNIS THAT WELL?

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TCH!
THEY CAN'T BE TOO BAD. OUR SCHOOL'S TRANSFER EXAM IS PRETTY TOUGH.
IF HIS GRADES ARE AMAZING TOO, I'M GONNA SNAP!
I THINK A BALL ROLLED OVER FROM HIS SIDE.
WHAT'S GINTA DOING HERE?

I BET HE'S AFRAID MIKI'S GONNA GET STOLEN AWAY.
NAH, IT'S JUST GINTA.
HE'S JEALOUS.
I GUESS GUYS LIKE YUU AREN'T POPULAR WITH OTHER GUYS.
STOMP STOMP STOMP
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

NEXT, GROUP TWO! TAKE THE COURT!

PHWEE—

REALLY? I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW.

BUT THEY'RE SO CLOSE!

MORON! EVERYONE KNOWS THAT STORY.

GINTA TURNED ME DOWN AGES AGO.

RIGHT.

FAT CHANCE.

HUH...?

I FORGOT TO LET YOU KNOW.

I TOLD MATSUURA-KUN ABOUT YOU AND GINTA.

HM?

MIKI...

SORRY.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

IT'S FINE! TOTALLY FINE. THAT WAS FOREVER AGO.

I DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT ANYMORE.

I'M SORRY, IT JUST CAME OUT...

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE.

JUST LOOKING AT GINTA...

USED TO GET MY HEART POUNDING.

I'M COMPLETELY NORMAL ABOUT HIM NOW.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I USED TO FEEL THAT WAY.

I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF HIM ALL DAY AT SCHOOL...

BUT BACK THEN, GINTA WAS ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT.

AND WHEN I GOT HOME, I'D REPLAY EVERY CONVERSATION WE'D HAD IN MY HEAD.

I REALLY, REALLY WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM.

...

TWO YEARS AGO.

WAVE WAVE

DID YOU WATCH...

THE JAPAN OPEN FINAL LAST NIGHT?

MIKI!

I WISH I COULD HIT A BACKHAND VOLLEY LIKE HIM!

OF COURSE!

EDBERG WAS SO COOL!

OH? HOW SO?

NOT YET...

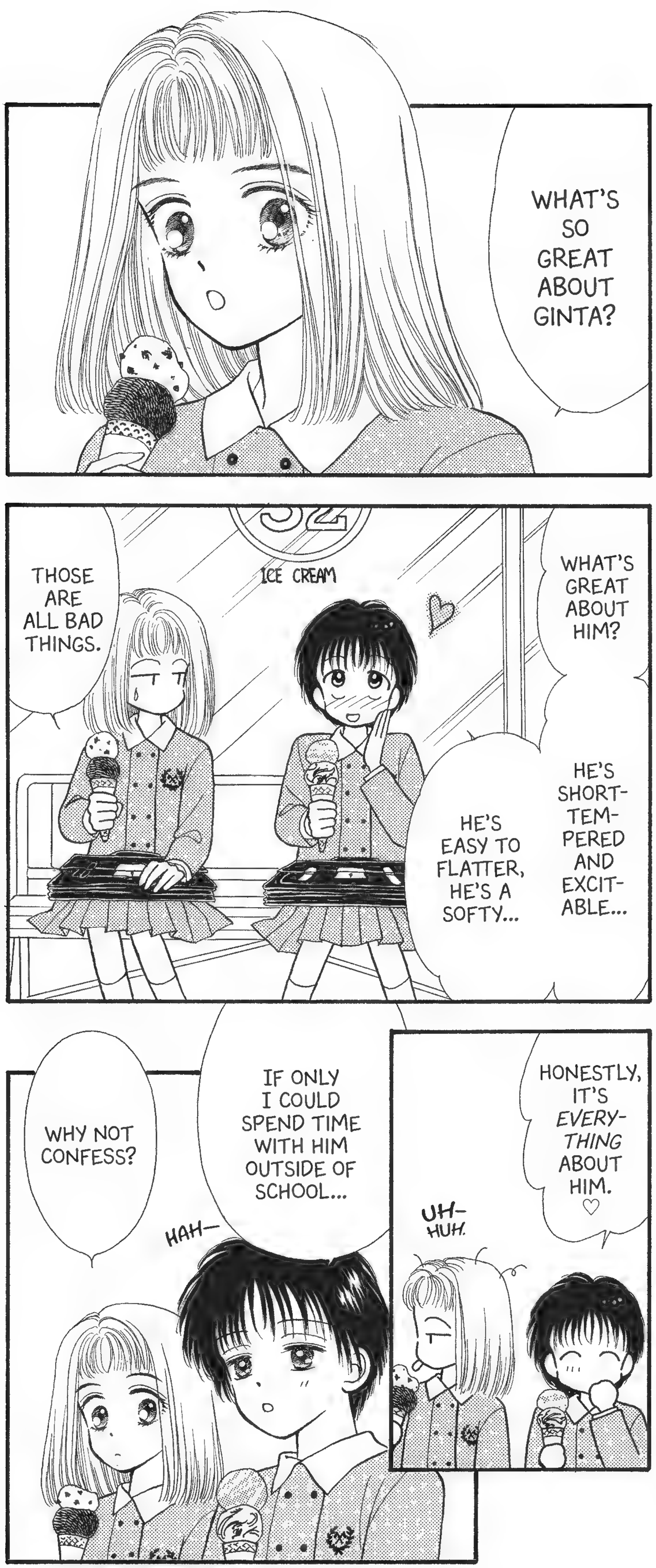
BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, RIGHT?

DON'T YOU THINK MY SERVE IS A LITTLE LIKE EDBERG'S?

THEY'RE NOT DATING, RIGHT?

THOSE TWO SURE ARE CLOSE.

Marmalade Boy


WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT GINTA?
THOSE ARE ALL BAD THINGS.
ICE CREAM
WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT HIM?
HE'S EASY TO FLATTER, HE'S A SOFTY...
HE'S SHORT-TEMPERED AND EXCITABLE...
WHY NOT CONFESS?
IF ONLY I COULD SPEND TIME WITH HIM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...
HAH—
UH-HUH.
HONESTLY, IT'S *EVERYTHING* ABOUT HIM. ♡

WHY NOT? I'M SURE HE'LL SAY YES.

YOU TWO ARE SO CLOSE, AFTER ALL.

WHAAT?! I CAN'T DO THAT!

I'M NOT CONFIDENT ENOUGH!

JUST DO IT.

IT'LL BE FINE.

I DON'T THINK HE *DISLIKES* ME...

WELL...

I'M JUST NOT THAT BRAVE.

CONFESS, HUH?

COME ON, MEIKO!

DON'T MAKE IT SOUND SO EASY!

AND I'M AFRAID OF HIM FINDING OUT.

MY FEELINGS ARE PROBABLY UNREQUITED.

ALL ENGLAND LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB

TOKK

TOKK

WHAT'S THIS?

HIDE IT!

BA-DMP

SURE. JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE. I ONLY HAD THE TWO.

DON'T LET ANY-ONE SEE, EITHER!

I GOT TWO, SO I THOUGHT I'D GIVE YOU ONE.

IT'S FROM MY COUSIN IN LONDON.

A WIMBLE-DON PIN!

WHAT ?!

CAN I REALLY HAVE IT?!

O... OKAY.

THANK YOU!

TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT!

GINTA...

JUST ME?

AND HE GAVE IT TO ME?

HE HAS SO MANY OTHER FRIENDS ON THE TEAM...

OKAY TO GET MY HOPES UP?

GINTA...

IS IT...

YOU LEFT HIM A LOVE LETTER?!

WHAT?!

I SEE.

I *THOUGHT* YOU WERE KIND OF ANTSY TODAY, MIKI.

NO ONE'S EVEN HERE.

SHH!

SHH!

M-MEIKO!

DON'T BE SO LOUD!

OH, COME ON!

HE'LL BE THRILLED!

I'M A PRETTY BAD WRITER.

I WONDER WHAT GINTA THOUGHT OF IT...

THAT WAS VERY BRAVE, YOU KNOW.

WAY TO GO!

ACK! OH NO!

MY GYM CLOTHES! I GOTTA RUN BACK FOR THEM.

YOU GO ON WITHOUT ME!

NO, I'LL GO WITH YOU.

PHBBT!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT GINTA ON THE BRAIN.

2-E

IT SAYS, "I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU SINCE OUR FIRST YEAR."

AH HA HA HA!

WHATCHA GONNA DO, GINTA?

YOU'RE NOT INTO MIKI, RIGHT?

BUT SHE'S JUST LIKE A GUY FRIEND. I DON'T LIKE HER OR ANYTHING.

GETTING A LETTER LIKE THIS SUCKS.

KLATTA

NAH.

I MEAN, SHE AND I GET ALONG AND TALK AND STUFF...

SORRY!

I--

MI...

MIKI!

VROO—..

HNK HNK—

PLIP

PLIP

PLIP

MIKI!

BUT STILL!

IF THAT'S TRUE, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.

"JUST A FRIEND"?

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED HIM!

I HATE HIM!

AND MAKE FUN OF!

THAT WASN'T SOMETHING TO PASS AROUND FOR EVERYONE TO SEE...

GINTA, YOU JERK!!

YOU DIDN'T CHANGE YOUR HAIR-STYLE?

HUH?

DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO CHEERY ABOUT IT?

PEOPLE USUALLY CUT THEIR HAIR AFTER ROMANTIC REJECTION.

WHY WOULD I?

MEIKO...

COULD YOU TRY A DIFFERENT TACTIC?

ONE OF US HAS TO BE CHEERFUL.

I'M TRYING TO COMFORT YOU.

EX-CUSE ME?!

MY SWEET LITTLE MIKI WASN'T STOLEN AWAY BY GINTA!

WELL, OF COURSE I'M HAPPY.

AH HA HA!

THAT'S SO YOU.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN SKIP SCHOOL FOREVER, SO HERE I AM.

I DIDN'T WANT TO.

I WAS ACTUALLY AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T COME TODAY.

I'LL BE BAL--

DON'T JOKE AROUND! IF I CUT ANYMORE OFF...

MAYBE YOU SHOULD CUT YOUR HAIR AFTER ALL? FOR A CHANGE OF PACE?

MURMUR...

AH HA HA HA HA!

YOU LOOK LIKE A MONKEY!

WHERE'D ALL YOUR HAIR GO, GINTA?!

DA— DUM

BALDY~

WAH HA HA HA HA!

PFFT...

HA...

KLATTA

WHISPER WHISPER

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

WHAT'S UP WITH GINTA?

SO HE CUT *HIS* HAIR.

MAYBE IT'S *HIS* WAY...

OF ATON-ING.

BACK THEN...

GINTA KEPT HIS EYES DOWN-CAST AND BORE THE PAIN...

AND SEEMED JUST AS HURT AS I WAS.

PHWEE— ...

THAT TAKES ME BACK.

IT REALLY WAS AGES AGO.

MEDITATING

Meiko's playing now.

HEY, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS B, IT SAYS.

MEIKO, TOO.

THEN ONE DAY, OUT OF NOWHERE, GINTA STARTED TALKING TO ME LIKE NOTHING HAD EVER HAPPENED.

FOR A YEAR AFTER THAT, THINGS BETWEEN US WERE AWKWARD. WE DIDN'T SAY A WORD TO EACH OTHER.

I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT HAPPENED, BUT WE WENT BACK TO NORMAL.

AFTER THAT, HE TALKED TO ME MORE AND MORE.

I'M GONNA GO LOOK AT THE BOARD.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES ARE POSTED?

SO, EVEN THOUGH I WAS ASKING MYSELF WHAT HIS DEAL WAS, I RESPONDED LIKE NOTHING HAD HAPPENED EITHER.

HUH?

EEEK! MIKI!

LOOK OUT!!

I WAS JUST HAPPY WE WERE FRIENDS AGAIN.

AND IT'S NOT LIKE I STILL HAVE ROMANTIC FEELINGS FOR HIM OR ANYTHING.

BAM!!

LOT!!

MIKI!!

TADA

A BIT BETTER...

MM?

Nurse's Office

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

I'LL GO GET YOUR CLOTHES AND YOUR BAG, OKAY?

'KAY.

THANKS.

AHH, I'M SO PATHETIC.

THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE I WAS DAY-DREAMING ABOUT THE PAST.

RATTA RATTA

OH, MATSUURA-KUN!

OH NO! HE'LL DEFINITELY MAKE FUN OF ME!

GEH?!! YUU?!

PANIC PANIC

KLUTZ! SO PATHE-TIC.

I'M JUST GETTING HER THINGS.

A BIT BETTER NOW.

HOW'S MIKI?

THERE'S NO WAY OUT...

MIKI?

SHA

HUH...?

GET UP!

WAIT... I DUNNO ABOUT THAT.

NO WAY HE'D TRY TO WAKE A SICK PERSON.

WHAT-EVER!

I'LL JUST PRETEND TO BE ASLEEP!

YOU'RE SLEEP-ING?

MIKI...

SHA

RATTA
RATTA...

SHFF

.....

WHAT JUST HAPPEN-ED?!!

FWUP!

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BLUSH~

WH...

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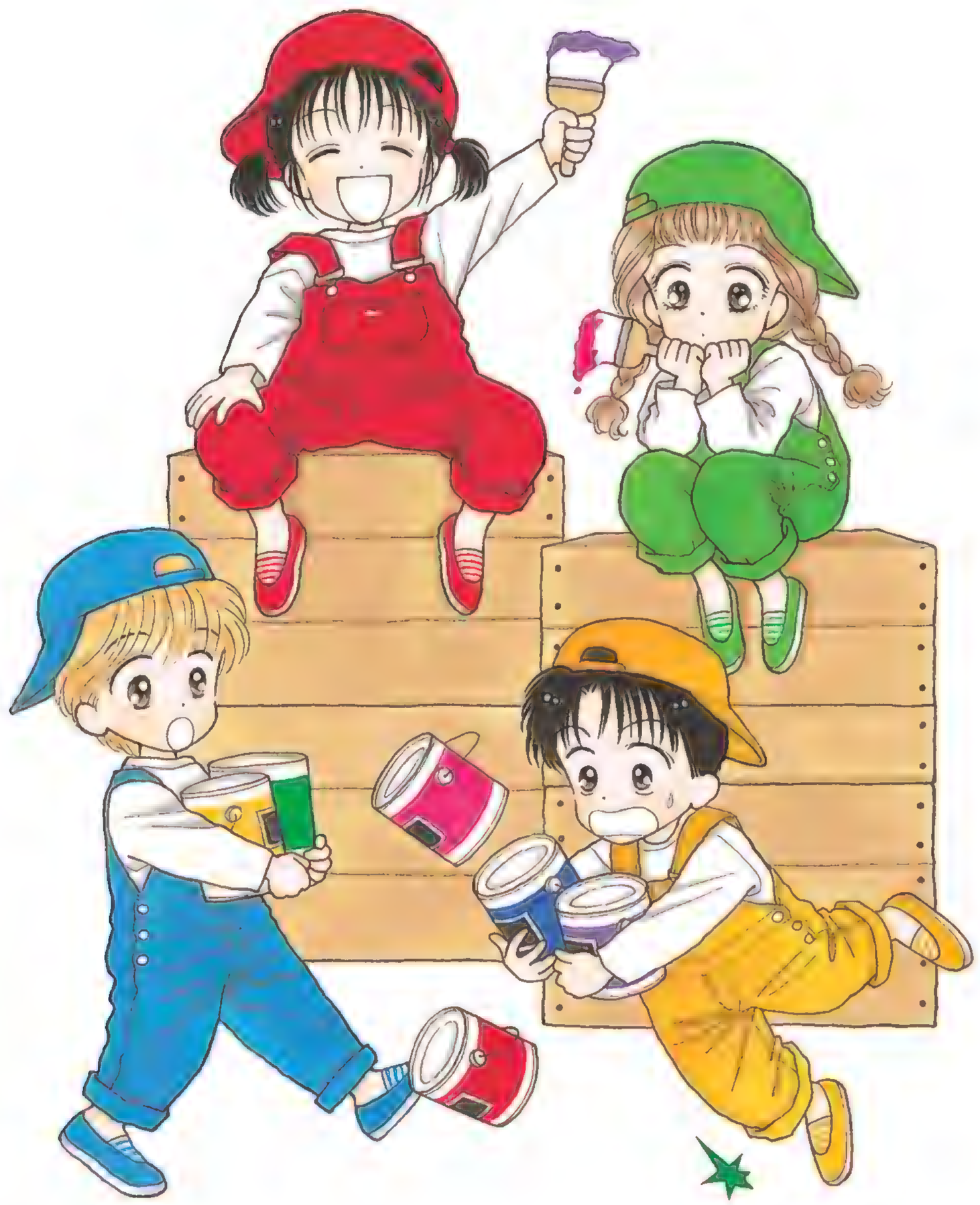
Furoku



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OH! HANG ON, JIN!

I'M ON MY WAY OUT, TOO.

KLATTA

HAVE A GOOD DAY!

WELL, I'M OFF.

TUG

キュッ

Miki

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BUT YUU WILL BE THERE.

I NEED TO HEAD DOWN-STAIRS...

LAST NIGHT I SKIPPED DINNER AND HID IN MY ROOM TO AVOID HIM.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION I SHOULD WEAR WHEN I SEE HIM.

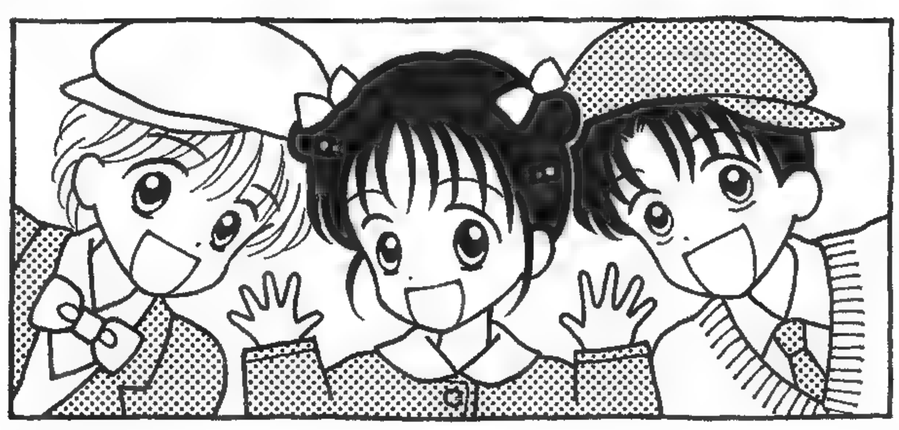
BLUUUSH

OH NOO! AHHH!

WHAT...

POSSESSED HIM...

TO DO THAT?



IF I JUST PRETEND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, IT'LL BE FINE.

AT LEAST HE THINKS I WAS SLEEPING.

KLATTA

G- GOOD MORN- ING.

BA- DMP

WHERE'D THE OTHERS GO?

MORNIN'.

SINCE SCHOOL'S SO CLOSE, US TWO GET TO TAKE OUR TIME.

DUH.

OH... RIGHT.

THEY ALL LEFT FOR WORK A WHILE AGO.

Western Liquor Company Office Staff
Makeup Manufacturer Office Staff
Trading Company Employee (basically)
Banker (despite his appearance)
BY THE WAY ...

I WASN'T REALLY...

OH! NO THANKS!

WHAT?

YOU WANNA READ THE PAPER?

STARE—

.....

FLAP

Send-Off

Mainichi Shimbun

HERE.

FLAP

THAT'S ALL YOU READ, ISN'T IT?

WHY'D YOU ONLY GIVE ME THE TV LISTINGS?

.....

LIKE SPORTS?

HUMAN INTEREST STUFF?

I READ OTHER SECTIONS, TOO!

RUDE!!

HEY, HAND ME THE JAM.

THE APRICOT.

HERE, YOUR TOAST IS BURNT.

He's right, so she has no response.

.....

DON'T BE PICKY.

BUT THE PEELS ARE SO BITTER...

INGREDIENTS · PURVEYOR

FINE CUT Breakfast Orange MARMALADE

AWW, MARMALADE?

I DON'T REALLY LIKE IT...

THIS IS ALL WE HAVE.

I CAN'T.

WE'RE OUT.

PARDON?

YOU'RE KINDA LIKE MARMALADE, YUU.

.....

SEE? IT'S PERFECT FOR YOU!

MARMALADE BOY!

YOU'RE ACTUALLY REALLY BITTER...

BUT EVERYONE ELSE IS DECEIVED BY YOUR SWEET SURFACE, SO THEY DON'T NOTICE.

WELL THEN, MIKI, THIS IS YOU.

IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.

MM-HMM! PRETTY CLEVER!

YEAH?

THAT SO?

PERFECT!

FAUCHON mustard 200g

PUNGENT AND SPICY.

MUSTARD GIRL!

YOU NEED TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR-SELF!

WHA--?! HEY, YUU, YOUR DISHES!

♫

. . . . . !!

KLATTA

ALL RIGHT, I'M OFF.

HE NEVER CHANGES!

WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?

SHAAAAA

SO UN-FAIR!!

UGGGHH!

I'M JUST GONNA FORGET IT!!

AAAAA

WHY DON'T YOU COME HAVE SOME CAKE AND HAVE HIM HELP YOU?

MATH IS YOUJI'S SPECIAL-TY.

I GUESS I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT.

CAN I?

I DON'T GET ANY OF THIS HOME-WORK.

TRYING.

OH!

STUDY-ING?

KA-CHK

WON'T YOU COME DOWN-STAIRS?

THE CAKE'S DELIC-IOUS.

THAT WAY!

GO RIGHT! RIGHT!

PEZ PEZ PEZ

OH YEAAAH!

I GET IT NOW!

AND THAT'LL GET YOU YOUR ANSWER.

SEE?

AH HA HA HA HA!

ARGH...

JIN-SAN, YOU'RE REALLY BAD AT THIS!

OH, IS THAT TONIGHT'S HOMEWORK?

SWEET! LEMME COPY IT LATER! ♡

PEW PEW PEW

BAIDOOOOM

AW...

IS THAT SO?

HA HA HA!

YOUJI-SAN, YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD TEACHER!

YOU MAKE THINGS REALLY EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

Math I

YOU COME OVER HERE TOO, YUU. WE'LL GO OVER IT TOGETHER.

PHBBBT!

NOT A CHANCE!

TCH, MEANIE.

AH HA HA HA!

DAD, YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT SHOOTERS.

I JUST NEED MORE HELP...

I ALREADY TOLD YOU TO GIVE IT UP. YOU DON'T HAVE THE SKILL!

GRAB!

JIN-SAA-AN!

WAIT, YUU!

I NEED MORE COACHING HERE!!

AH...

MIKI-CHAN?

KLATTA

I'M GOOD! I'M FULL!

MIKI-CHAN, HOW ABOUT SOME MORE TEA--

DMP

THANKS!

UH...

THANKS, YOUJI-SAN. IT MAKES SENSE NOW.

I'M GONNA DO THE REST ON MY OWN.

.....

GETTING ALL COZY...

WITH THIS WEIRDO FAMILY!!

OH NO!

I JUST STARTED...

BA— TNK

Miki

THIS IS REALLY BAD!!

I SAID I WOULDN'T LET IT TAINT ME...

BUT THAT WARM ATMO-SPHERE...

WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM?

WHY NOT ENJOY YOUR LIFE WITH THEM?

NO!

DON'T BE LIKE THAT. JUST TRY TO GET ALONG--

I WON'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT THEM...

BUT I WON'T BECOME ONE OF THEM, EITHER!

WHY NOT?!

I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH ANY COMMON SENSE LEFT!

I'LL BE WAITING BY THE ENTRANCE.

NOT QUITE YET.

MIKI!!!

YOU DONE CLEAN-ING?

NO!! DON'T GET ANY IDEAS!

N...

OHH... IS HE WALKING YOU HOME?

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

MM-HMM.

SMIRK SMIRK

TODAY'S MY MOM'S BIRTHDAY! WE WERE GIVEN MONEY TO GO BUY HER A GIFT!

HE WON'T PICK ANYTHING DECENT ON HIS OWN, Y'KNOW? SO...

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING WELL.

SAY WHAT YOU WANT, MIKI...

AGATHA PARIS

I WONDER IF RUMI-SAN REALLY WILL LIKE THOSE.

GA-KRSH!

WE'RE HO--

IF YOU SAY SO.

THOSE EARRINGS ARE EXACTLY MY MOM'S TASTE!

OF COURSE SHE WILL!

THEY'LL MAKE HER LOOK YOUNGER.

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?

WHAT HA--

KLATTA

KLATTA

M...

MOM?

IT'S NOTHING. A VASE JUST BROKE.

YOU TWO GO UP TO YOUR ROOMS.

IT FELT SO HOSTILE.

THEY WERE FIGHTING, WEREN'T THEY?

THAT TENSION.

FIGHT-ING?

WHAT COULD HAVE HAP-PENED?!

BUT THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO GET ALONG SO WELL.

I'M HUNGRY.

SO MUCH FOR THAT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

WHAT'LL WE DO ABOUT DINNER?

I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS...

I SEE...

THAT'S WHAT JIN-SAN SAID, ANYWAY.

BUT YOUR PARENTS AND MINE HAD SOME SORT OF DIFFER-ENCE OF OPINION.

THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE FIGHT.

YEAH.

I HOPE THEY MAKE UP SOON.

IT FEELS AWFUL HAVING ALL THIS HOSTILITY AT HOME.

THAT'S NOT IT!

TH...

HRK!

WOR-RIED?

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IT'S NOT...

GA-KRSH

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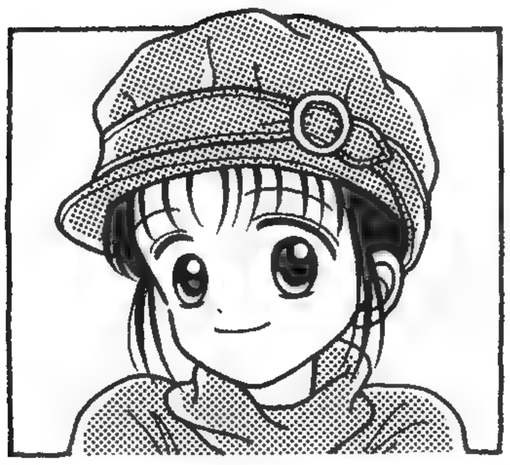


WE SHOULD PROBABLY JUST GO BACK TO THE WAY THINGS WERE.

THAT'S TRUE.

SWAPPING PARTNERS AT THIS POINT WAS UNREASON-ABLE.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

OUR ROUTINES FROM SIXTEEN YEARS OF MARRIAGE LOOM LARGE.

YES... WE SHOULD STOP LIVING TOGETHER.

WHAT...?!

Marmalade Boy

MIKI...
I'M SOR-RY.
HEY!
HOLD ON A SEC!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AND YET IT ENDED WITH ALL OF US HURTING EACH OTHER LIKE THIS.
IT REALLY WAS UN-REASON-ABLE.
WE PUSHED PAST YOUR OBJECTIONS AND MOVED IN TOGETHER...
TRUE.
AT LEAST WE CAN BE THANKFUL WE DIDN'T UPDATE THE FAMILY REGISTER.
IT...
ENDED?
POLO

YEAH...

THAT WOULD BE BEST.

LET'S GO BACK TO OUR SEPARATE LIVES...

AND COMPLETELY CUT TIES.

WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

Confused

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN SO SUD-DENLY?!

I...

I CAN'T KEEP UP! THESE DEVELOP-MENTS ARE COMING WAY TOO FAST!

I'M SORRY, YUU.

IT'S BEST IF WE CUT TIES WITH THE KOSHI-KAWAS.

SO...

I HAVE TO CHANGE SCHOOLS AGAIN?

AND I WAS JUST GETTING USED TO MY NEW ONE.

I WONDER IF MY OLD SCHOOL WILL TAKE ME BACK.

THIS SUCKS.

POLO

JUST HOLD ON A SECOND!!

J...

POLO 1992

DIDN'T YOU THINK THINGS THROUGH BEFORE YOU ALL GOT DIVORCED AND REMARRIED?!

ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH HOW QUICKLY YOU'RE MAKING THIS DECISION? WON'T YOU REGRET IT?!

WELL... I *DID* WANT THIS.

BUT?

BUT...

THINGS WILL GO BACK TO THE WAY YOU WANTED THEM.

ISN'T THAT GOOD?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MIKI?

YOU WERE OPPOSED TO THIS FROM THE START, WEREN'T YOU?

I COULD LIVE WITH THIS AFTER ALL.

I WAS JUST STARTING TO FEEL LIKE MAYBE...

I...

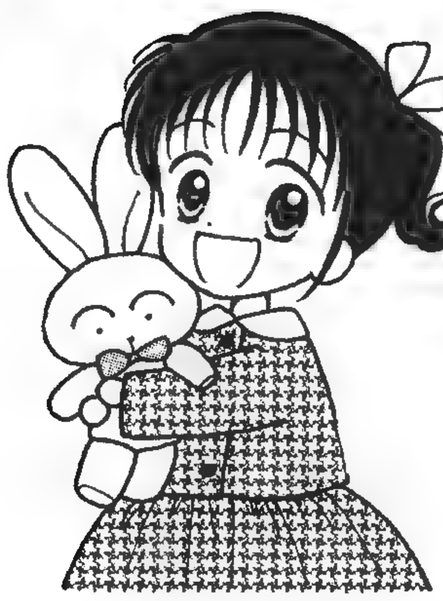
I MEAN, I STILL THINK THIS FAMILY IS WEIRD...

BUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IS A GOOD PERSON.

POLO

1992

MIKI.
WE'VE ONLY LIVED TOGETHER FOR A SHORT TIME, BUT SAY-ING YOU'RE ALL GOING TO CUT TIES--
AND YET YOUR FEELINGS CHANGED IN A FLASH!
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH OUR CURRENT WAY OF LIFE?
UH.
NO...I GUESS NOT?
HUH?
HUH? WHAT?
HUH?
SO YOU'RE OKAY IF THINGS STAY THIS WAY?
THIS IS BETTER, RIGHT?
UM... YEAH...?
I FEEL LIKE I LOST THE PLOT SOME-WHERE...
POLO
1992



WHA?!

AHH! REALLY?!

I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR THAT!!

WHAT?

HUH?

HUH?

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M SORRY.

WE WOULDN'T ACTUALLY FIGHT!

WE ALL GET ALONG SO WELL.

AN ACT...?

SO ALL OF THIS WAS...

FAKE?

IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE STUBBORNLY REFUSING TO GET CLOSE TO ANYONE.

I'M RELIEVED TO HEAR HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.

I'M SORRY FOR UP-SETTING YOU.

WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER YOU REALLY HAD ACCEPTED OUR LIFESTYLE, SO WE PUT ON A LITTLE ACT.

KNEW IT.

I WAS SURE IT WAS SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

PRETTY MUCH.

EVERY-THING YOU WERE SAYING SOUNDED SO SCRIPTED.

YOU'RE SHARP, YUU-KUN!

STILL, WE DID A GOOD JOB!

Script by Koishi-kawa Jin

SUPERVISION

AH, YOU FIGURED US OUT!

Y...

AND THE GLASS WE BROKE TODAY...

IT'S A SHAME ABOUT THE FLOWER VASE, THOUGH.

IT WAS SO MUCH FUN! LIKE BEING ACTORS!

SNAP

ポンッ

YOU JERKS!!

POLO

GAAAAAA

MIKI-CHAN!

DCH-

MIKI!

DCH-

PLEASE COME OUT!

WHAT WE DID WAS WRONG!

WE'RE SORRY!

AAAH!

CHILL

LEAVE ME ALONE!!

SHUT UP!

NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THIS.

WE'RE ALL RESPON-SIBLE.

WELL, I DID SAY WE SHOULD GIVE IT A REST.

PERHAPS WE WENT TOO FAR.

HMM.

SHE'LL NEVER FORGIVE US NOW.

I'M DEFINITELY RUNNING AWAY!!

I'M SO DONE! I'M LEAVING THIS HOUSE!!

THEY'RE SO MEAN! THEY WENT WAY TOO FAR!! TOYING WITH MY EMOTIONS LIKE THAT!

CRUMPLE

AW, BUT THEN I WON'T BE WITH MEIKO ANY-MORE...

I'LL SAVE UP MY ALLOWANCE FOR IT!

I DON'T WANT THAT.

CRUMPLE

BUT I CAN'T LEAVE RIGHT NOW. IT SUCKS, BUT I DON'T HAVE MONEY.

I'LL GO TO A CHEAP UNIVERSITY OUT IN THE STICKS! YEAH!!

CRUMPLE

CRUMPLE

The Pragmatic Miki

MIKI!

OPEN UP!

PERVISION

JOLT

NOK NOK

I CLIMBED OVER FROM MY WINDOW.

IT WAS PRETTY THRILLING.

HOW DID YOU GET HERE?!

PHEW—

WH...

WHERE DID YOU *COME* FROM?

POLO

SUPERVISION

ULP!

N...

NO WAY...

I DID STOP...

OH YEAH.

THE SHOCK MADE YOU STOP CRYING.

WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO DUMB?! YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN REALLY HURT!!

WHAT?!

HOW DID HE GET IN THERE?

WHAT'S UP?

SOUNDS LIKE YUU-KUN IS TALKING TO HER.

HA HA!

BA-DMP...

UH, MAYBE ALWAYS.

THIS TIME.

THEY DID GO A LITTLE TOO FAR...

OF COURSE YOU'D BE UPSET.

LYING TO YOU LIKE THAT...

WAS BOUND TO HURT YOU.

HAVE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY PRESSURED YOU INTO SAYING OKAY.

STILL...

OUR PARENTS...

THE WAY THEY WENT ABOUT IT WAS WRONG...

BUT THEY ONLY DID IT BECAUSE THEY WANT-ED TO BE SURE YOU DIDN'T HATE THEM.

SO PLEASE...

FORGIVE THEM.

OKAY?

HE'S ALWAYS...

TEASING ME.

I'M LOST. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RESPOND.

BUT WHEN HE'S GENUINELY SWEET TO ME LIKE THIS...

WE--

MIKI-CHAN, WE'RE SORRY.

MIKI!

GA-CHK

MAKE IT UP TO ME BY MAKING MY FAVORITES FOR DINNER TOMORROW.

IT'S FINE.

BUT YOU CAN...

I COULDN'T...

YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER, YUU-KUN!

MMMGH

I'M SO GLAD!

I'M SORRY, MIKI!

BUT WITHOUT MY REALIZING IT...

AND I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HIM...

HE'S HARD TO READ...

I DIDN'T WANT US TO GET SEPARATED.

BEAR THE THOUGHT THAT I MIGHT NEVER SEE YUU AGAIN.

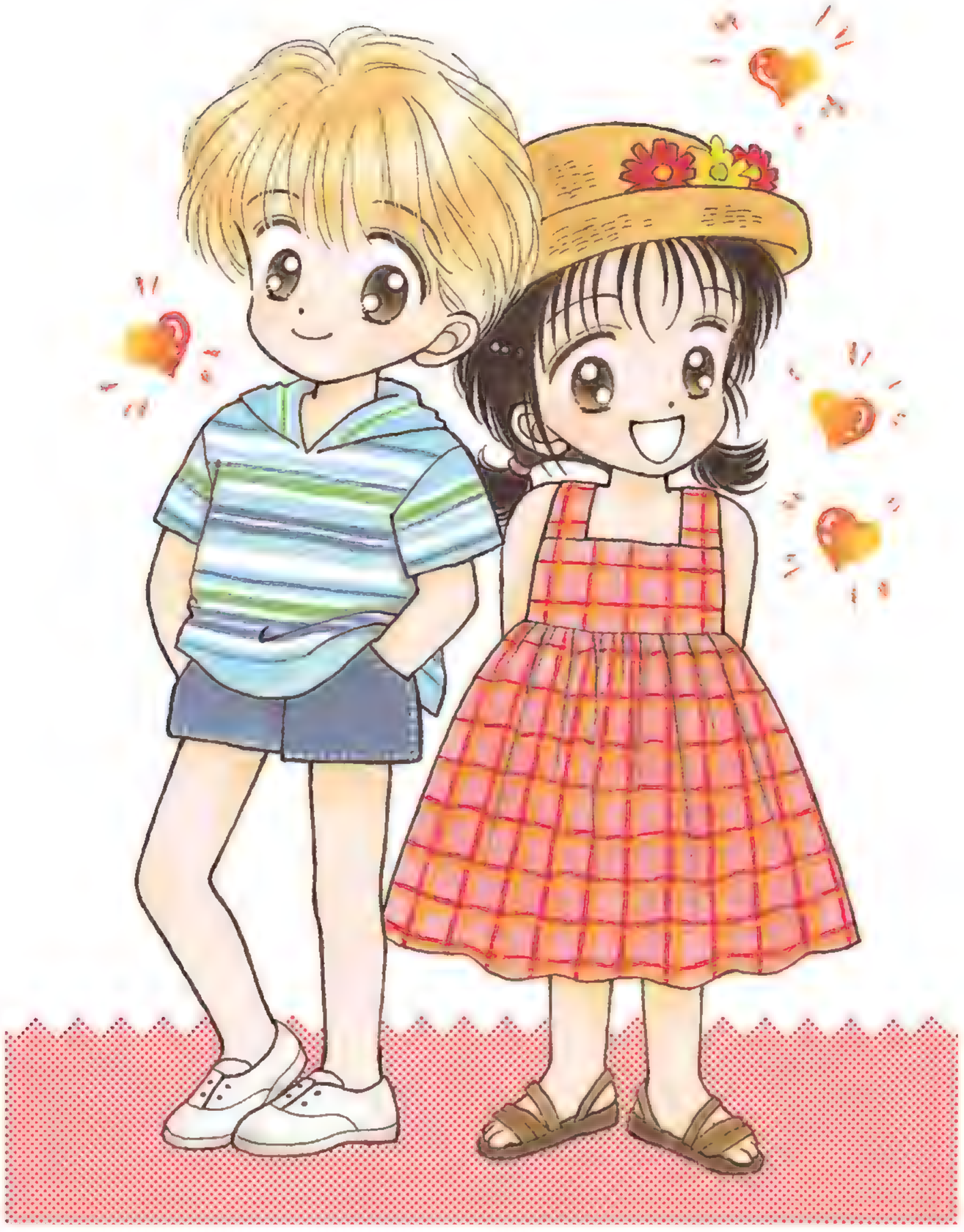
YUU HAS...

TAKEN SUCH...

A BIG PIECE OF MY HEART.

Marmalade ★ Selection

Furoku



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Furoku

110 PONK

FILA

IT'S SUMMER BREAK.

There's still tennis practice, though.

HEH HEH.

YES-SIR!

NOW YOU JUST NEED TO IMPROVE YOUR ACCURACY A BIT.

NICE JOB, KOSHI-KAWA.

YOU'VE DEVEL-OPED A LOT OF SPEED IN YOUR SERVE.

HUH?

YUU?!

Marmalade Boy
No. 4

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COVER

WHAAAT?!

BLUSH

YEAH RIGHT, DUMMY.

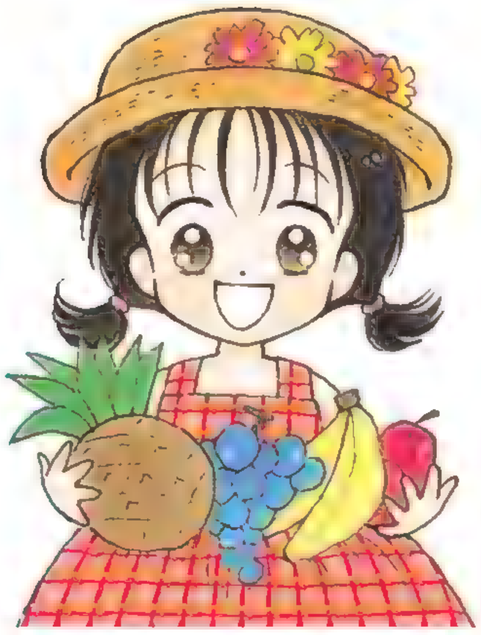
WHAT'S UP?

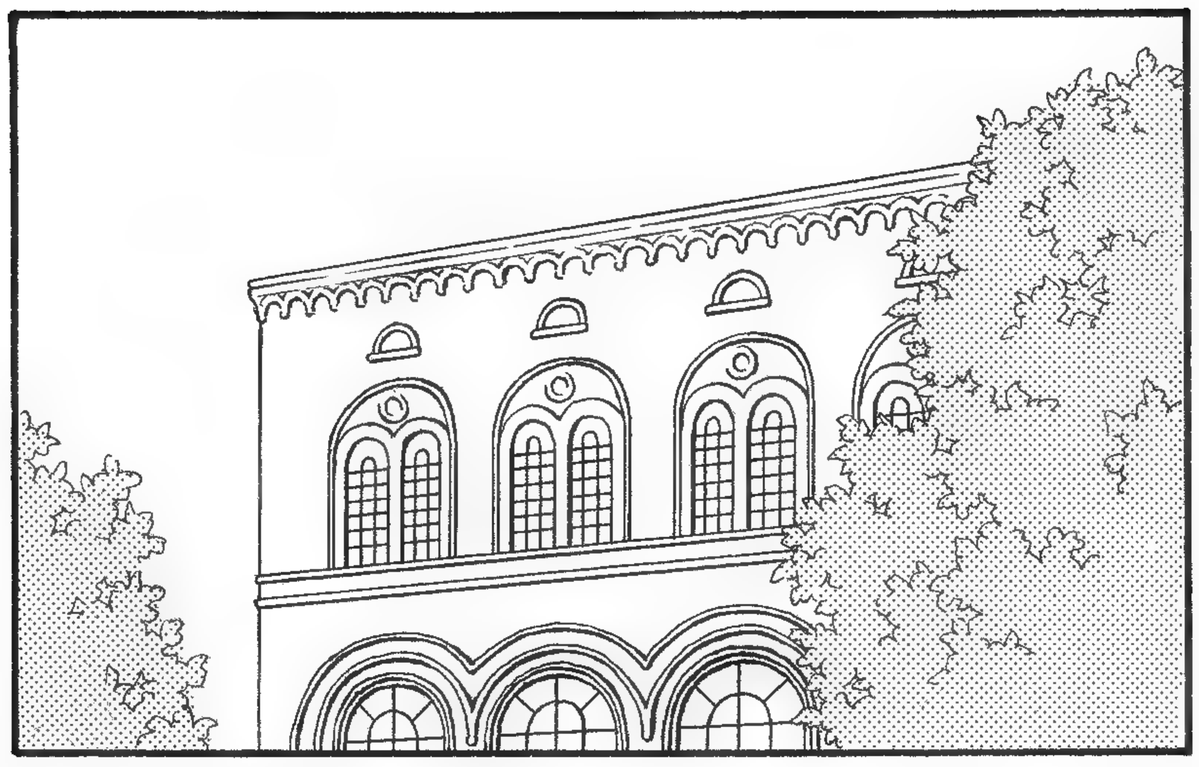
THERE'S NO CLASS, SO WHY COME TO SCHOOL?

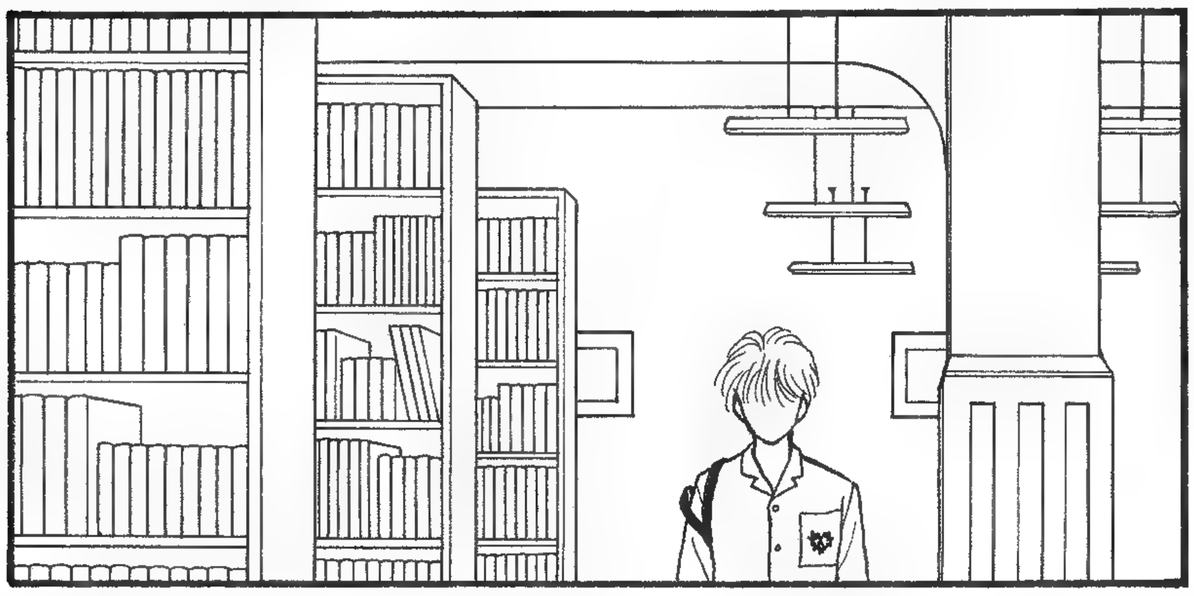
TO SEE YOU IN YOUR SKORT.

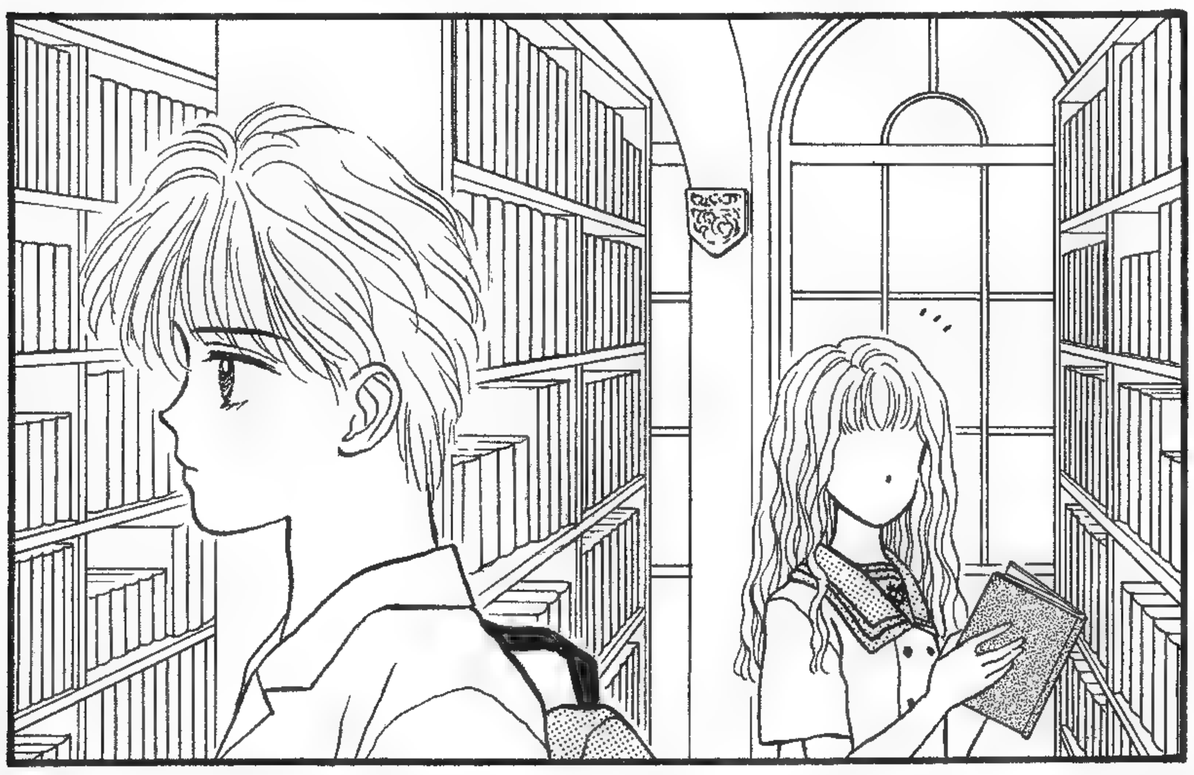
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT SWEETNESS FROM LAST MONTH?

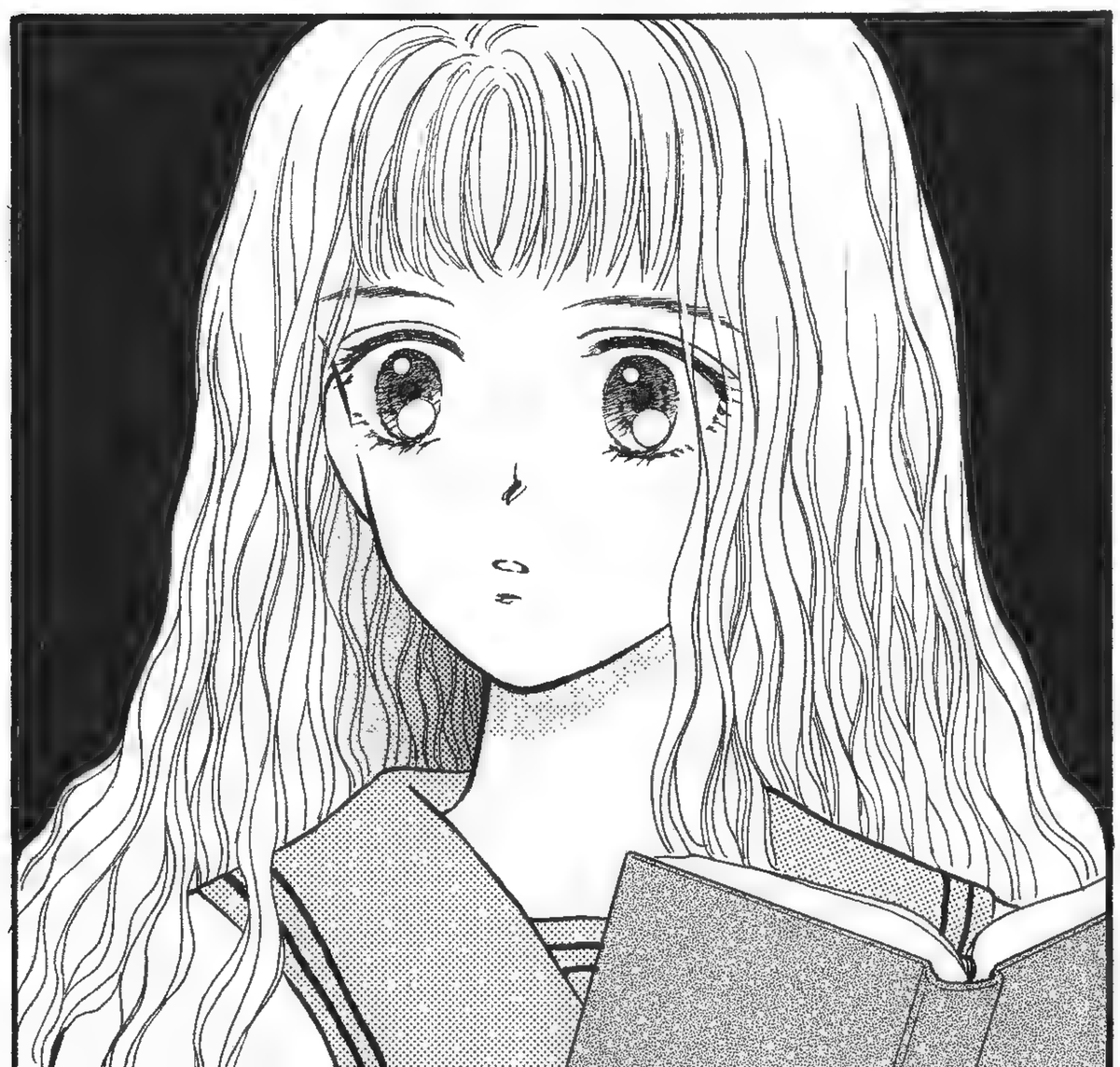
HE'S THE WORST.











BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT DID HE...

REALLY COME HERE FOR?

KASHI Twin Towers
1989~

1 model
2 Plan and partial

MATSU-URA-KUN?

I LIKE OLD BUILDINGS.

SO IT SEEMS.

IT'S JUST NICE HERE.

AKIZUKI.

I LOVE IT HERE, TOO!

IT'S SO PEACE-FUL AND QUIET.

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE!

HARDLY ANYONE EVER COMES TO THIS LIBRARY.

LITER-ATURE CLUB, HUH?

ARE YOU WORKING ON A NOVEL?

SO I TOOK THE CHANCE TO STOP BY AND GATHER SOME MATER-IALS.

YES, WE HAD A MEET-ING...

ARE YOU HERE FOR CLUB?

THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.

AH, LITERARY CRITICISM?

IT'S JUST RANDOM WRITING.

NOT REALLY.

I DO RESEARCH AUTHORS I LIKE AND WRITE SUMMAR-IES...

OH, I'M NOT WRITING ANY-THING.

I JUST LIKE TO READ.

DUN

Quarterly

sasaragi

Tokyo University-Affiliated High School Literature Club

OKAY!

LET ME READ IT SOME-TIME.

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WHAT A RELIEF! OUR CLUB HARDLY MAKES ANY MONEY! OH, I ALSO HAVE BACK ISSUES IF YOU WANT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PURCHASE!

THAT'S 450 YEN!

AH!

MEIKO!

YOU'RE DONE WITH PRACTICE FOR THE DAY, RIGHT?

SURE!

LEMME GO GET CHANGED.

LET'S WALK HOME TOGETH-ER!

YUU?!

I RAN INTO MATSUURA-KUN IN THE LIBRARY EARLIER.

ARE YOU TWO GETTING ALONG?

WHILE ALL YOUR PARENTS ARE AT WORK, YOU AND MATSUURA-KUN ARE ALONE IN THE HOUSE, RIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

HOW IS IT, NOW THAT YOU'RE ON BREAK?

SO HE WENT TO THE LIBRARY...

I WONDER WHY?

SO I SEE HIM LESS THAN I DID WHEN WE HAD SCHOOL.

AND HE WENT ON A TRIP SOMEWHERE BY HIMSELF RECENTLY...

I HAVE PRACTICE AND YUU HAS WORK, SO WE'RE NOT REALLY HOME MUCH.

OHHH.

OH... WELL...

I DON'T REALLY SEE HIM THAT MUCH.

JUST...

IT'S JUST...

I'M NOT...

YOU SEEM DISAP-POINTED, MIKI.

HEE HEE!

I'M REALLY NOT!!

I...!

HE HASN'T EVEN SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HIS JOB OR HIS TRIP.

HE REALLY IS SO MYSTERI-OUS...

THIS SUMMER...

I WAS HOPING TO GET TO KNOW YUU A LITTLE BETTER.

THEY ALWAYS JUST SMILE AND NEVER LET YOU SEE HOW THEY REALLY FEEL.

YUU AND MEIKO HAVE A SIMILAR VIBE.

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...

AH!

BUT EVEN NOW, MEIKO IS A MYSTERY TO ME.

WE'VE BEEN BEST FRIENDS SINCE THE FIRST YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH...

HUH...?

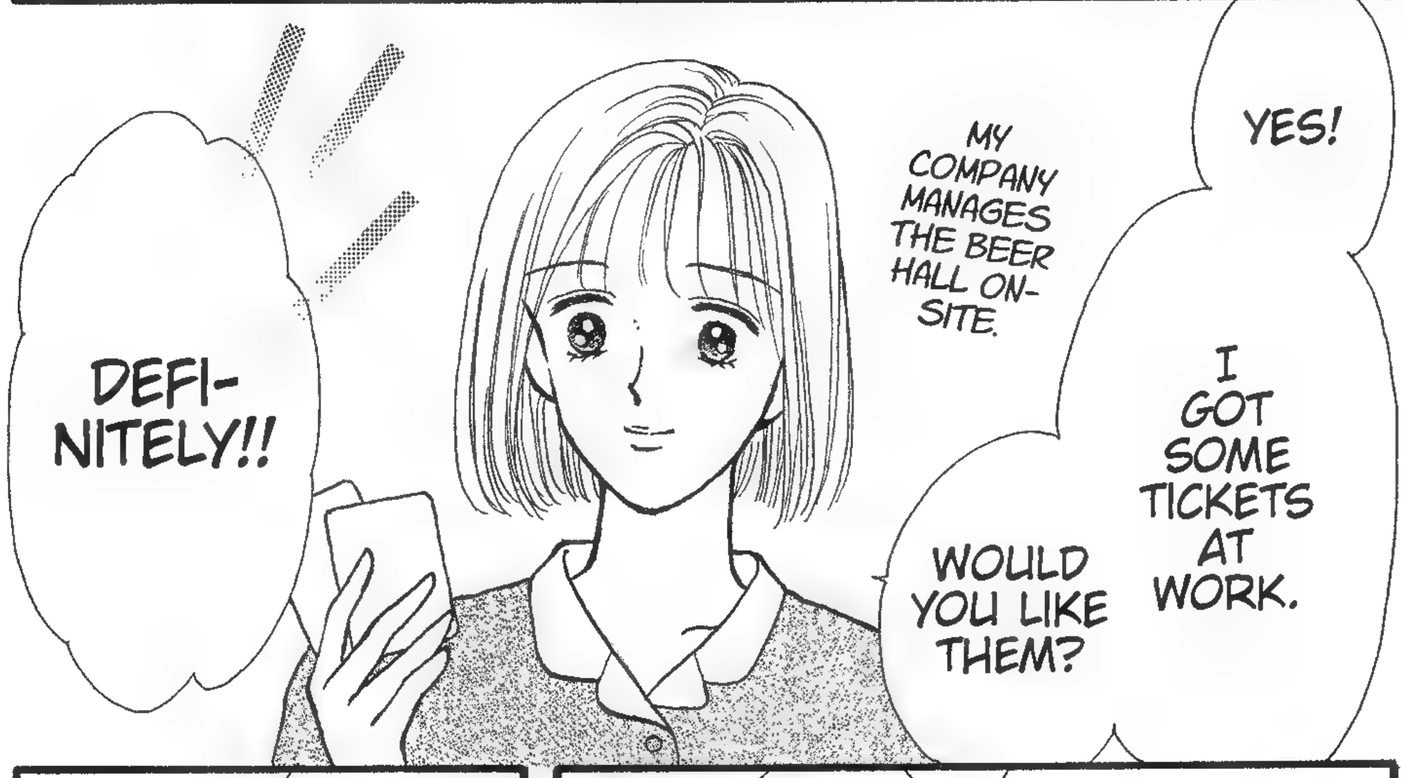
DUUN

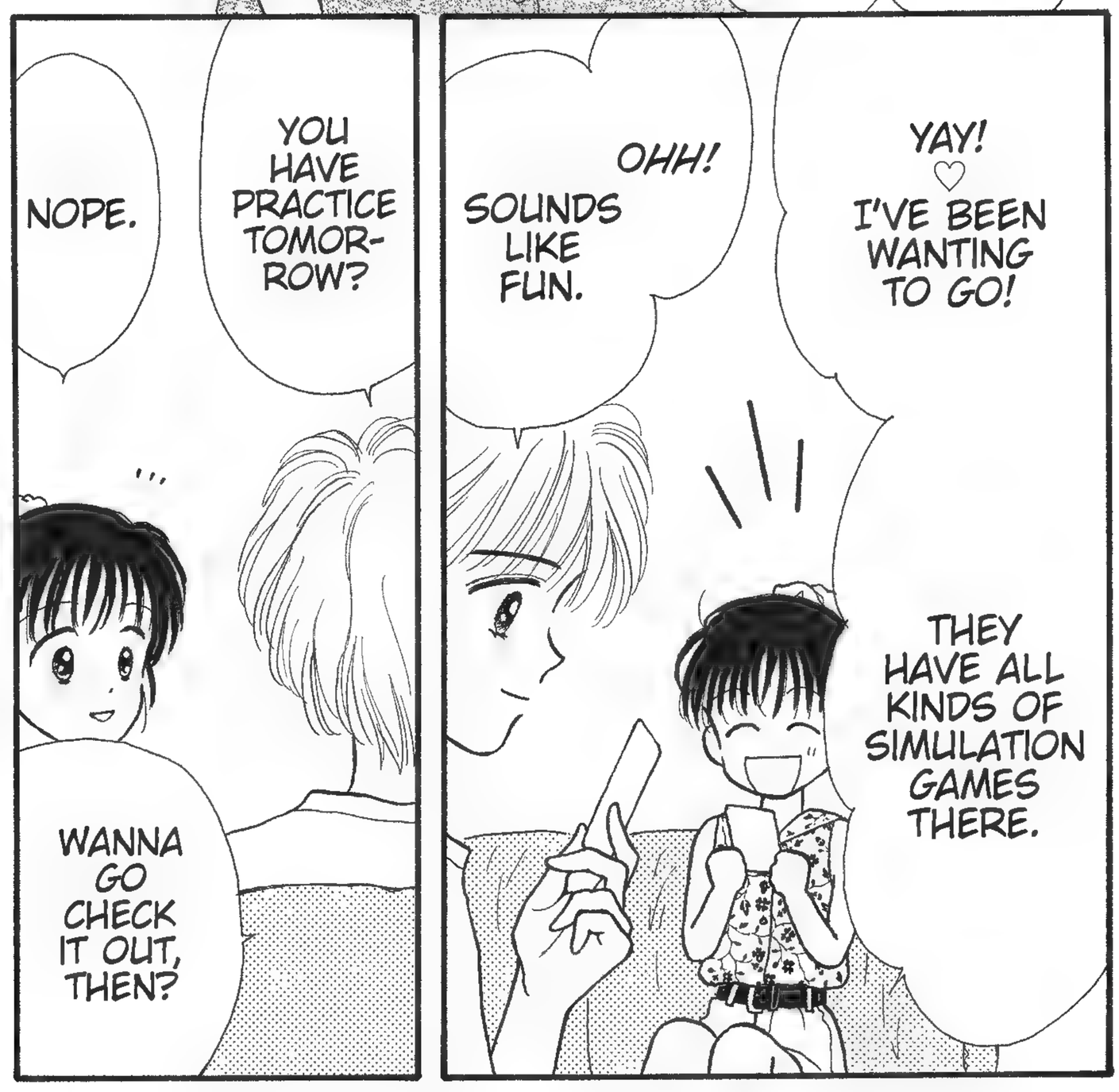
FOR-GIVE ME, MEIKO!!

WHAT AM I THINKING ?!

LUMPING MY DEAR BEST FRIEND IN WITH A WEIRDO LIKE HIM?!

Marmalade Boy





N-
NO.

ARE YOU BUSY?

ALL RIGHT, THEN! IT'S DECIDED.

HUH?

WONDER INVITATION

WONDER DOG

250D

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

THE TWO OF US...GOING TOGETHER?

ISN'T THAT SORT OF LIKE...

A DATE?

WONDER DOG

PSHH

ZANG

IT SAYS YOU GOT D RANK!

SHUT UP! WHAT DID YOU GET?

YOU SUCK!

SCORE

AN A, OBVIOUSLY!

RE

WAAAGH!

I'M NOT HITTING ANYTHING!

HEY, LOOK!

IT'S SO CUTE!!

YEAH, IT'S ADOR-ABLE!

AWW, I WANT ONE!

THAT THING?

HEE HEE...

I WISH HE WAS...

ALWAYS THIS NICE.

GUESS THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT.

I'LL GET IT FOR YOU.

I RULE AT THIS ONE.

.....

REAL-LY?!

YEAAAH!

JACK-POT!!

I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT *THIS* ONE!

WHAT'S THE ISSUE? YOU SAID IT WAS CUTE!!

HUH?!

NOOO!!

.....

SQUABBLE

SQUABBLE

OOH, A HALL OF MIRRORS!

"MIRACLE ILLUSION"!

LET'S CHECK THAT OUT!

KINDA.

I GUESS I CAN SEE HOW SOMEONE WOULD THINK THIS WAS CUTE.

WELL...

I'LL CALL HIM KACCHAN THE KAPPA.

YOINK!

?!

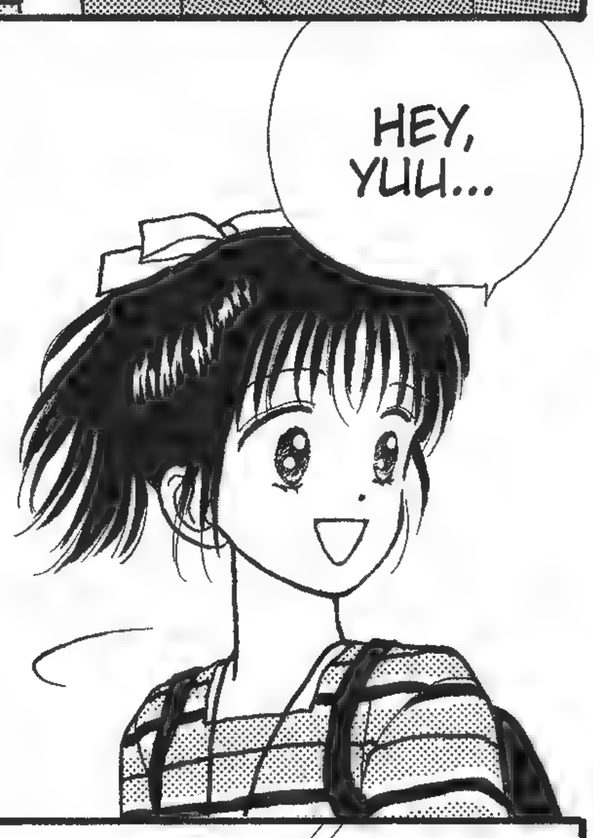
ENTRANCE

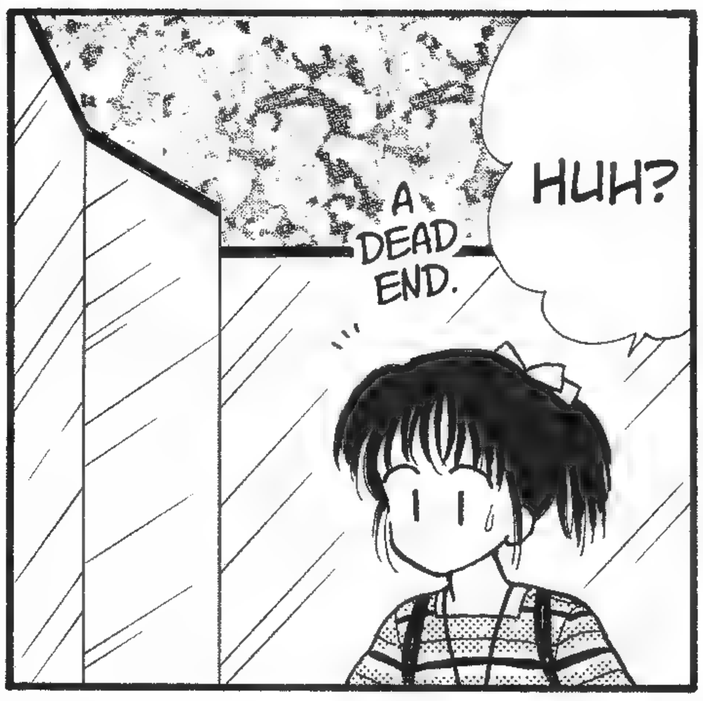
ARIMI?!

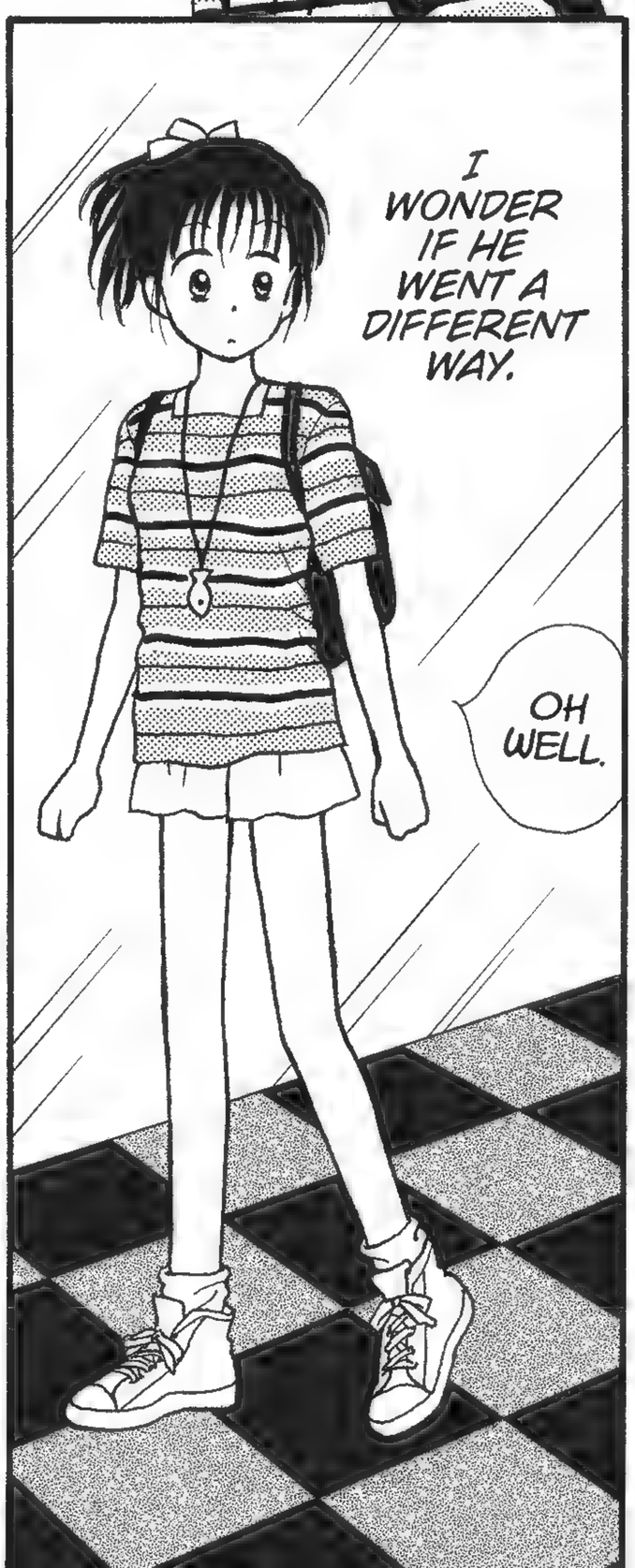
YUU.

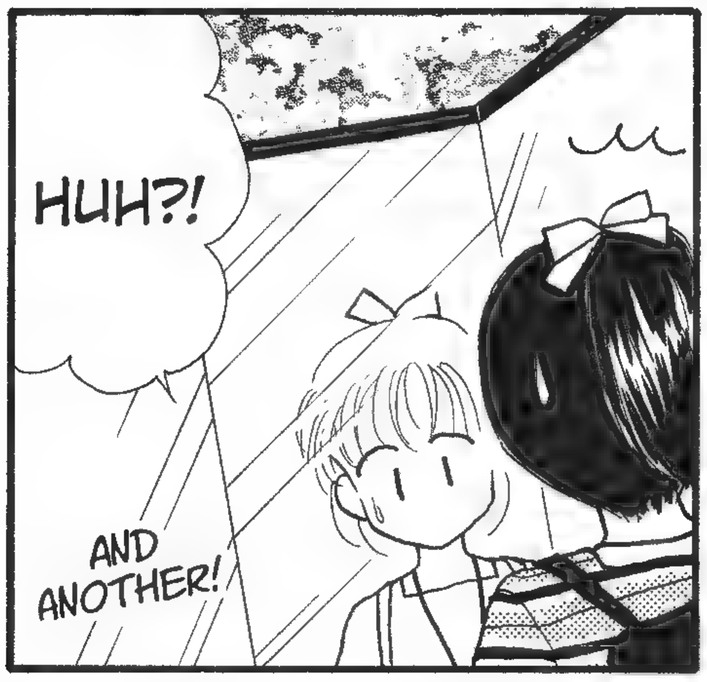
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

*Marmalade*Boy*









PANIC

I'M SO SCARED! YUU!! WHERE ARE YOU?!

WHERE'S THE EXIT?!

WAAAGH!

HE MUST HAVE EXITED FIRST.

YUU!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER.

I'M FINALLY OUT...

EXIT

MIRACIE IL LU

HWEE! HAAH!

YU--

AH, MIKI!

OVER HERE!

AND THAT'S THE HOUSEMATE I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. KOISHIKAWA MIKI.

THIS IS MY CLASSMATE FROM JUNIOR HIGH, SUZUKI ARIMI-SAN.

AH! NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.

GOSH! SHE'S REALLY CUTE!

BEAM

NICE TO MEET YOU!

IS...

SHE A FRIEND ...?

THAT GIRL'S SO PRETTY...

SCRIBBLE

ADDRESS

OKAY.

NOW, TELL ME YOUR NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.

NOT THAT I CARE, BUT SHE'S BEING AWFULLY TOUCHY-FEELY, ISN'T SHE?!

HOLD ON!

H...

YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND NOW?

I'M GLAD.

COMING!

ARIMI!

YOU READY?

HE REFUSED TO GIVE UP, SO I THOUGHT I'D GO ON A FEW DATES WITH HIM.

I'M GOING TO DUMP HIM, THOUGH.

I PRE-FER...

YOU, ANYWAY.

GEH!

WH...

HAS SHE?

SHE REALLY HASN'T CHANGED...

WHAT'S HER DEAL?!

LATER!

I'LL CALL YOU!

WE DATED IN MY THIRD YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH.

YEAH...

"I PREFER YOU, ANY-WAY."

I THOUGHT I HEARD HER SAY...

I SEE.

(A little) SHOCKED ショック

OH...

OHHH.

ガーン SHOCK

TH...

THE USUAL THINGS ?!

REALLY?!

IT WAS JUST FOR THREE MONTHS.

WE DID ALL THE USUAL THINGS COUPLES DO.

Marmalade Boy

AH. RIGHT.

THOSE SORTS OF THINGS.

YEAH.

YOU KNOW, CHRIST-MAS?

FIRST SHRINE VISIT, VALENTINE'S DAY, BIRTH-DAYS...

NORMAL COUPLE-Y THINGS.

YOU WERE IMAGINING SOMETHING ELSE JUST NOW.

.....

YOU WANNA KNOW HOW FAR WE WENT?

NO!!

MIKI, YOU PER-VERT!

I-I WAS NOT!!

I WAS NOT!!

MY FIRST KISS WAS WITH YOU.

IT'S THE TRUTH.

WE DIDN'T DO...

ANY-THING.

SUSPICIOUS

.....

YOU'RE LYING.

BLUSH

THE WAY YOUR BODY REAC-TED...

I KINDA FIGURED YOU MIGHT BE.

PLAY BACK

YOU WERE AWAKE, WEREN'T YOU?

Y...

YOU KNEW?

YOU COULD SAY THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT.

"WHY"?

WH...

WHY DID...

YOU... DO IT?

AAAGH! OKAY, OKAY, I WAS JOKING!!

SHWAP

QUIT MESSING AROUND!!

IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU, OBVIOUSLY!

BLUSH

ALL YOU EVER DO IS MESS WITH ME!

YOU'RE NEVER JUST HONEST!!

I DON'T CARE!!

ENOUGH!

HEY.

MIKI...

HEH.

I UPSET HER AGAIN.

HEY!

NICE TO SEE YOU.

MORNING, GINTA!

A DATE?! YUU AND MIKI?!

I WENT TO THE BEACH.

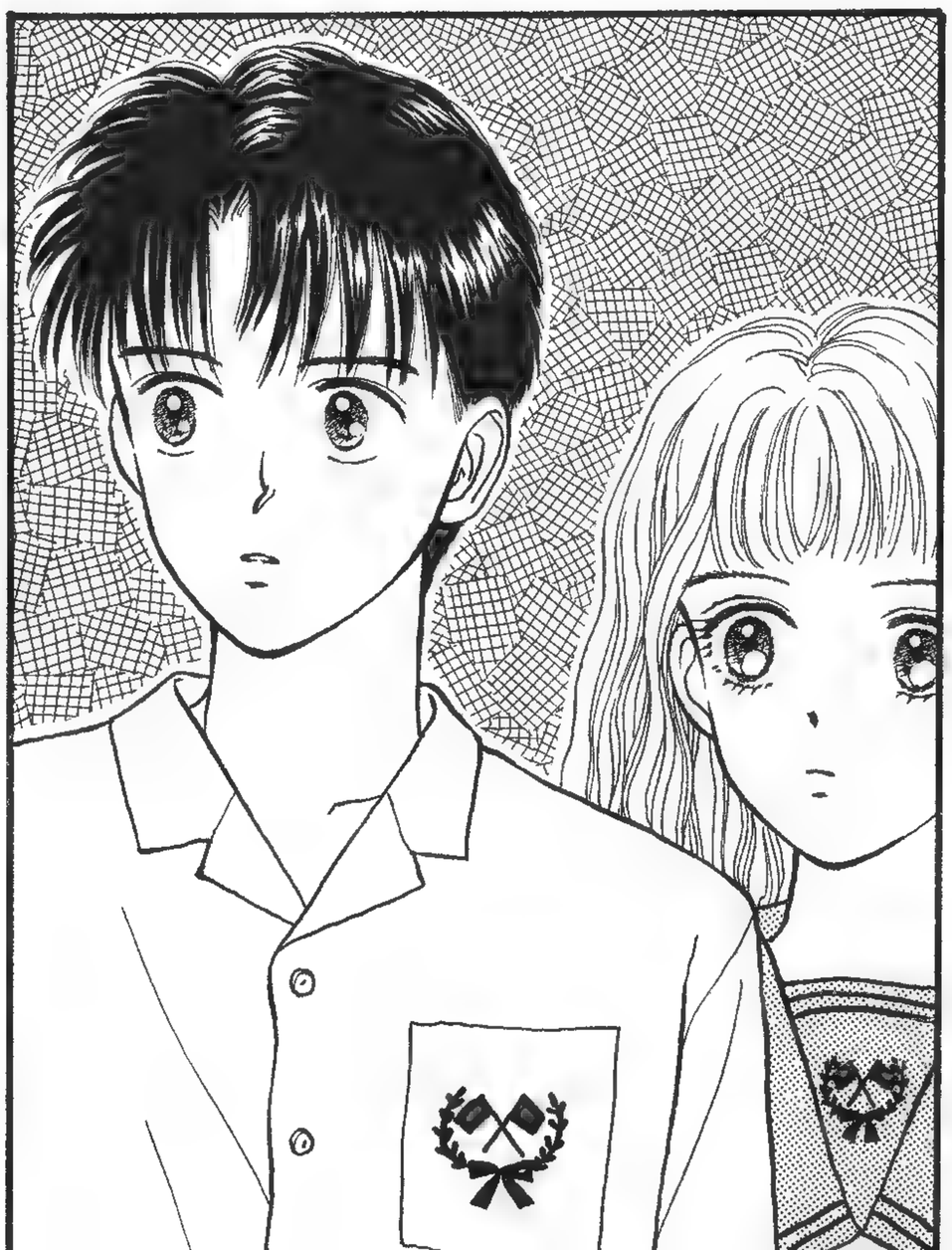
YOU GOT A TAN!

WHAA? FIGURES.

I'M SO BUMMED.

YEAH, AT WONDER DOG!

I TOTALLY SAW THEM THERE!



WHAT'S WITH MIKI?

SHE USED TO HATE THE WHOLE MATSUURA FAMILY.

WHAT DOES SHE SEE IN HIM?!!

YOU DON'T EXACTLY HAVE ROOM TO TALK.

BACK OFF, GINTA.

MIKI HASN'T FOUND ANYONE ELSE SINCE THAT WHOLE INCIDENT WITH YOU.

UNTIL MATSUURA-KUN.

GINTA...

I'VE NOTICED YOU WATCHING THEM BOTH LATELY.

AND MIKI DESERVES TO FALL IN LOVE AND BE HAPPY.

I THINK THIS IS A GOOD THING.

MATSUURA-KUN IS A LOT MORE THOUGHTFUL THAN HE MAY APPEAR.

YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT!!

DON'T INTRUDE ON HER LIFE NOW.

GA-
CHK

GINTA!

YEAH.

DID YOU LOCK ALL THE WIN-DOWS?

OKAY, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE DAILY LOG!

SUCKS TO GET CLASSROOM DUTY THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER.

EH, THERE AREN'T MANY DAYS OF SCHOOL THIS WEEK. WE'RE LUCKY!

LET'S SEE, ABSENT TODAY WAS... SUZUKI.

SUZUKI ARIMI.

SHE'S BEEN CALLING YUU OVER AND OVER AGAIN SINCE WE RAN INTO HER.

"WE DID ALL THE USUAL THINGS COUPLES DO.

"CHRISTMAS, FIRST SHRINE VISIT, VALENTINE'S DAY..."

OR DID IT JUST FALL APART NATURALLY?

AN ARGUMENT?

WHY DID THEY BREAK UP IN THE FIRST PLACE?

SHE WANTS TO GO OUT WITH HIM AGAIN.

YUU...

I WONDER WHAT HE'LL DO.

Birthdays

New Year's

Valentine's

Christmas

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なんとなく (SORT OF)

TICKED OFF

AH, SORRY, SORRY! UM...

RIGHT. NOTES FOR TODAY...

AH!

YOU'RE MAKING WEIRD FACES.

MIKI?

WHAT'S UP?

HUH...?

JUST THE USUAL, RIGHT?

MASCOT KISS! ♡

THE TASTE OF A PURE KISS!

YUP!

CUTE, HUH?

OH YEAH...

HAGIWARA MIO'S IN THE COMMERCIALS.

YEAH.

ARE YOU EATING SOMETHING?

MASCOT KISS

Ribon

THEY'RE GOOD!

IT'S THIS NEW CANDY.

WANT ONE?

IS THAT TRUE?

THEY TASTE LIKE A KISS?

I WAS SO SHOCKED I COULDN'T PROCESS ANY TASTE.

WHEN HE...

.....

BEATS ME.

WANNA FIND OUT?

WHAT?

GINTA...?!

"WANNA FIND OUT?"

.....

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, GINTA?

Marmalade Boy
No. 5

Wataru's
Illustration
Gallery

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COVER

I WAS KIDDING, YOU MORON! DUH!

HYAH HA HA! LOOK AT YOU, ALL EXCITED!

THAT MUST BE IT.

HE'S TRYING TO GET ME TO FREAK OUT.

OH...

I SEE.

SURE.

LET'S DO IT.

WELL, I'M NOT GONNA FALL FOR IT!

Marmalade Boy

KLATTA

HA HA!

AS IF!

YOU KNOW, THIS KIND OF JOKE IS BENEATH YOU, GINT--

HUH?

EEEEEK!

GRAB!

GASHI!

HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
NO!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP

OW!

WELL, IT WASN'T, YOU JERK!

YOU JUST *SAID* IT WAS OKAY--

SLAM!

DMP DMP DMP DMP...

YOU SUCK, GINTA!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

WHAT WAS GINTA EVEN THINKING ?!!

DAMMIT.

HE COULD HAVE ANY GIRL HE WANTS!!

WHY WOULD HE DO THAT TO ME?!

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BIIING

BEEENG

BOOONG

NEW ENGLISH 1

WELL...

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.

BOOONG

HE'S THE WORST!!

I CAN'T FORGIVE THIS!!

UGH, I'M GONNA LOSE IT!!

Tag-Out

I THOUGHT YOU HAD DUTY THIS WEEK.

MIKI, YOU'RE LEAVING?

KLATTA

MIKI!

I HAVE TO DO IT?

HUH?

I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT.

DON'T TALK TO ME!!

I DON'T EVEN WANT TO *LOOK* AT YOU RIGHT NOW!

MIKI...!

DMP

HUH?

MUMBLE

BUT HE JUST ADDED FIRE TO THE FLAMES.

I TOLD HIM NOT TO IN-TRUDE...

MUMBLE

NOTH-ING! TALK-ING TO MYSELF.

SOUNDS LIKE GINTA DID SOME-THING.

ARE THEY IN A FIGHT?

AH!

BOW

HELLO!

SUZUKI ARIMI!!

MIKI!

WAIT!

IS YUU STILL INSIDE?

I THOUGHT HE'D BE OUT BY NOW.

HE DOESN'T GIVE UP...

URK!

HUH?

UM...

CLOMP!

WHAT?!

I'M SOOO SORRY! WERE YOU WAITING LONG, ARIMI-SAN?!!

WELL, WE BETTER GET GOING!

SHH!

PLEASE, JUST PLAY ALONG!!

WH- WHAT'S GOING ON?!

I WAS WAITING FOR YU--

MI...

HOW YA BEEN?

IT'S BEEN AGES!

cha-

.....?

WHO WAS THAT?

YOINK

OH!

I'M SO SORRY!!

YOU'RE HURT-ING...

MY ARM.

PHEW_

LOOKS LIKE WE LOST HIM.

MRRR.

もぞっ

FREEZE

HOLD ON.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GOING ALONG WITH THAT. YOU REALLY SAVED ME. SORRY AGAIN!

UMMM...

I WAS IN SUCH A PANIC THAT I JUST GRABBED THE FIRST PERSON I SAW.

AH...

TRUE...

YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE...

AFTER DRAGGING ME ALL THIS WAY.

BOW BOW

THAT WAS ACTUALLY PRETTY BOLD OF ME.

WELL, SEE YA!

SHUFF SHUFF

OF COURSE...

IT'LL BE YOUR TREAT, YES?

SINCE WE'RE HERE, WHY DON'T WE GET SOME TEA?

I NEEDED TO TALK TO YOU ANYWAY.

MY TREAT...

SURE...

HEY...

BOO HOO HOO~

DESSERT HOUSE

I GUESS THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SHY NOW!

THANKS FOR THE FOOD! ♡

Marmalade Boy

UM.
WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THAT GUY FROM EARLIER?
WAS HE FOLLOWING YOU AND GIVING YOU A HARD TIME?
OHH.
BUT WE HAD A LITTLE FIGHT.
WELL... HE'S A FRIEND.
AND NO, I DIDN'T.
IT'S FINE.
DIDN'T YOU HAVE PLANS WITH YUU?
UH... IS THIS OKAY?

HAVE YOU TWO...

DECID-ED TO GO OUT AGAIN?

I SKIPPED MY AFTERNOON CLASSES.

I JUST DECIDED TO WAIT FOR HIM...

SINCE HE WON'T SEE ME ON HIS OWN.

HM?

JUST THAT YOU'RE HIS EX.

THAT'S ALL?

WHAT HAS YUU...

TOLD YOU ABOUT ME?

NOTHING ABOUT HOW WE STARTED DATING OR WHY WE BROKE UP?

I SEE...

HE HASN'T TOLD YOU.

THAT'S JUST LIKE HIM.

HE'S NEVER LIKED TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF.

SHE REALLY...

THROB

R...

RIGHT.

DOESN'T SHE?

UNDER-STANDS YUU...

I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING.

WELL, THAT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR.

I KNEW HIS NAME AND FACE BEFORE THAT, OF COURSE. HE STOOD OUT.

YUU AND I WERE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES.

WE NEVER SPOKE UNTIL THE FALL OF OUR THIRD YEAR, WHEN WE WERE ON THE SPORTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE TOGETHER.

I WASN'T ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HIM AT THE TIME.

I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT LOOKS, AND I HAD PLENTY OF BOYS IN MY LIFE.

BUT AS SOON AS WE STARTED TALKING...

I FELL IN LOVE.

I'D NEVER HAD SO MUCH FUN WITH SOMEONE BEFORE.

I WAS SURE HE WAS THE ONE.

NOT LONG AFTER...

I CON-FESSED.

BUT I DO!

IT *HAS* TO BE YOU!

YOU DON'T REALLY NEED ME.

YOU HAVE YOUR PICK OF GUYS HERE.

SUZUKI...

BUT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN DATING ANYONE RIGHT NOW.

I'M HONOR-ED...

YOU ACTUALLY USED THAT LINE.

JUST LIKE EVERY-ONE SAID.

UH-HUH.

HUH ?!

IF YOU KNEW THAT, THEN WHY ASK?

I KNOW...

THAT EVERY GIRL WHO CONFESS-ES TO YOU...

GETS CRUSHED BY THOSE WORDS. NO MATTER IF THEY'RE OLDER OR YOUNGER. NO MATTER HOW CUTE.

JUST GIVE ME THREE MONTHS.

A TRIAL RUN.

I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE WHAT A GOOD COUPLE WE COULD BE!

THAT YOU AND I ARE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER.

I'M CONFIDENT...

IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO TURN ME DOWN WITHOUT GIVING ME A CHANCE!

BUT...

IF, AFTER THREE MONTHS, YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO DATE ME...

I'LL COMPLETELY GIVE UP ON YOU.

DEAL?

PLEASE! JUST THREE MONTHS!!

THAT'S NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT?!

I GIVE IN!

AH HA HA HA...

PFFT!

YOU SURE ARE PUSHY!

THIS IS A FIRST FOR ME.

YUU SEEMED TO BE ENJOYING HIMSELF, TOO.

WE WERE SO MUCH ALIKE.

WE STUDIED FOR EXAMS TOGETHER, HUNG OUT, TALKED ON THE PHONE...

THE THREE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED WERE *SO* MUCH FUN.

BUT...

BUT...

THESE THREE MONTHS HAVE BEEN FUN.

YOU'RE A GREAT PERSON.

IN THE END...

I ONLY SEE YOU AS A FRIEND.

SORRY.

YOU'LL NEVER...

FIND TRUE LOVE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!!

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.

ARIMI!!

I SAW HIM AT WONDER DOG.

I NEVER FIND ANY-ONE LIKE HIM...

BUT JUST AS I STARTED TO FEAR THAT I WOULD...

WE WENT TO DIFFER-ENT HIGH SCHOOLS, SO I DECIDED TO LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

I FIGURED I JUST HAD TO GIVE UP.

BUT THERE WAS NOTH-ING I COULD DO.

I WAS SO UPSET THAT DAY, I COULDN'T SLEEP.

I STILL...

LOVE HIM. EVEN NOW.

I...

CAN'T LET HIM GO AFTER ALL.

YOU LIKE HIM TOO, DON'T YOU?

HUH...?

HOW ABOUT YOU?

I WON'T LOSE HIM TO YOU.

SMILE

"I WON'T LOSE HIM TO YOU."

SHE SAID...

FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT YUU.

BUT I DON'T REALLY...

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD...

FALL FOR SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

WHAT BOTHERS ME...

IS HOW HARD HE IS TO UNDER-STAND.

HE IS A BIG PART OF MY LIFE AND ALL...

BUT THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE FAMILY.

AH!

Koishikawa
Matsuura

GINTA?!!

NO WAY...

I COULD FALL FOR...

NO.

I NEED TO GO INSIDE.

MOVE IT.

MOVE!!

NO!!

STAGGER...

DON'T GET SO MAD.

.....

MRRR.

THEN JUST SAY WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO SAY!

F-FINE!

AND I GAVE UP ON YOU! I JUST THINK OF YOU AS A FRIEND NOW, EVEN IF YOU ARE A BOY!

BECAUSE *YOU'RE* THE ONE WHO TURNED ME DOWN ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, GINTA!

WE'RE JUST FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?!

YOU'RE TELLING *ME* NOT TO BE MAD?!

DON'T DEMAND THE IMPOS-SIBLE!!

SO WHY WOULD YOU...

TRY TO RUIN OUR FRIEND-SHIP LIKE THIS?!

YOU TOOK A LETTER I POURED MY HEART INTO AND SHOWED *EVERY-ONE--*

I DIDN'T!!

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF YOU'RE A GOOD GUY...

BUT YOU WON'T STOP BETRAY-ING ME!

BE-CAUSE...

WELL...!

THAT'S... THAT'S NOT...

WHAT HAP-PENED!

WHAT?!

THAT WAS *YOUR* FAULT!!

THE TRUTH IS...

THINK!

WHERE DID YOU PUT THE LETTER?!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...!

THE ONLY THING I DID WRONG WAS GIVE SOMEONE LIKE *YOU* A LOVE LETTER!

MY FAULT ?!

YOU HAD A *MAGAZINE* IN THERE, SO I SLIPPED IT INSIDE...

HUH?

WHERE? IN YOUR BAG.

WHAT ?!

THAT MAGA-ZINE...

WASN'T MINE!

WHILE WE WERE ALL CHATTING AFTER SCHOOL...

THAT DAY...

OH, SORRY!

IT'S IN MY BAG! GO AHEAD AND GRAB IT!

IT'S NOT IN THE DESK.

GINTA! WHERE'S MY *JUMP*?

IT'S A LOVE LETTER!

HEY, IS THIS--?!

WHOA!

Miki

FLUTTER

THERE WAS NO TIME TO STOP THEM.

IT'S ADDRESSED TO GINTA FROM MIKI!!

SHOCK
SHOCK
SHOCK

I'M A MORON.

S...

SO THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.

IT WAS GETTING PASSED AROUND.

BEFORE I KNEW IT...

SO HAPPY...

TO GET YOUR LET-TER.

THE TRUTH IS...I WAS...

I WISH...

I COULD HAVE READ IT BY MY-SELF AT HOME.

B-
BUT...

YOU DEFINITELY SAID I WAS JUST LIKE A GUY FRIEND.

WHAT?

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK EITHER!!

ME?

YOU'RE ALWAYS SMILING AND CHEER-FUL...

SO ENER-GETIC AND CUTE.

YAMA-ZAKI AND SHIBATA GOT ALL WORKED UP ABOUT IT.

MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW THIS...

BUT YOU WERE REALLY POPULAR AMONG THE GUYS IN OUR CLASS BACK THEN!!

YOU BETTER NOT GO BEHIND OUR BACKS!

WE'RE INTO HER TOO, Y'KNOW!

YOU SEEM PRETTY CLOSE WITH MIKI.

HEY, GINTA!

THEY SAID, "DON'T GO BEHIND OUR BACKS."

I COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TALK TO YOU LIKE NORMAL...

BUT I DIDN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO RISK MAKING ENEMIES OF THEM.

SO...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

C'MON!

THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN ME AND MIKI.

WE JUST TALK A LOT BECAUSE WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM!

I LIED.

REALLY?

REALLY!

WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.

WELL, THAT'S GOOD...

I LIKE MORE GIRLY GIRLS, ANYWAY!

BECAUSE I TRIED TO THROW THEM OFF WITH THAT LIE...

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T INTO MIKI?

THAT DAY, I...

YEAH.

GINTA?

RIGHT...

I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D OVER-HEAR.

AND OF COURSE, YOUR TIMING WAS PERFECT.

I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY.

I WAS CONVINCED IT WAS THE END FOR US.

EVEN AFTER CUTTING MY HAIR, I COULD NEVER MAKE IT UP TO YOU.

I WAS SURE IT WAS ALL OVER.

AFTER I HURT YOU...

SO, I COULDN'T TELL YOU HOW I FELT UNTIL NOW.

I WAS... IN THE WRONG FOR LYING TO YAMAZAKI AND THE OTHERS.

I HAD NO EXCUSES FOR MY ACTIONS.

BUT...

THE TRUTH IS I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU THIS WHOLE TIME.

I'VE...

ALWAYS LOVED YOU!!

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Furoku

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Furoku

I ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO GIVE UP ON YOU.

AFTER ALL, WE WERE FINALLY TALKING AGAIN LIKE BEFORE. I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH.

BUT THEN HE...

MATSU-URA...

CAME ALONG.

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COVER

G...

GINTA...

I WON'T GIVE YOU UP!!

I...

DON'T WANT TO LET HIM HAVE YOU!

DO YOU LOVE MATSUURA?

EEK!

GRAB!

GYU

?!

AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH?!

JUST HOLD ON...!

AM I TOO LATE?!

WAIT...!

GINTA...!

ANSWER ME, MIKI!

IS HE BETTER THAN ME?!

LOOK AT ME!!

GINTA... STOP!

THAT HURTS!

YOU'RE BEING TOO LOUD.

IT'S EMBAR-RASSING.

THE NEIGHBORS CAN HEAR EVERY-THING.

RIVER SIDE STORY

PLEASE TRY TO BE MORE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUND-INGS.

WHP!!

DMP

HEY!

BLUUUSH

SLAM!

JULY 24 1968 RIVER SIDE STORY

MIKI--!

HUNH.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THE TYPE TO TREAT HER SO HORRIBLY.

SNAP
カチ

SO IT WASN'T WHAT YOU WANTED, BUT JUST HOW THINGS PLAYED OUT.

I GET IT NOW.

TH-THIS JERK!!

HE WAS LISTENING FROM THE START, WAITING FOR THE PERFECT MOMENT TO INTER-RUPT!

WHAT?

HOLD IT, MATSU-URA!!

PISSES ME OFF!!

JUST LOOK-ING AT YOU...

OKAY.

WELL, LOOKING AT YOU DOESN'T PARTICULARLY PISS ME OFF.

YOU'RE NOT EVEN ON MY RADAR.

BA-TNK!

D...

D...

D...

DAMMIT!

LIKE I SAID...

WAY TOO LOUD.

JULY 24, 1968 RIVER SIDE

Miki

I CAN'T BELIEVE GINTA WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

BA-DMP

BA-DMP

BA-DMP

WH...

WHAT DO I DO?

ALL THAT YELLING...

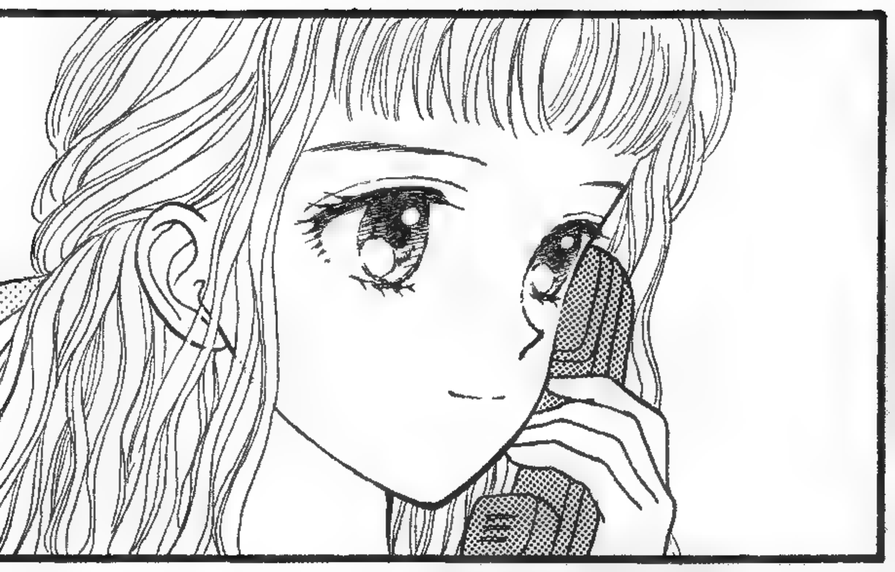
WHAT DO I DO?!

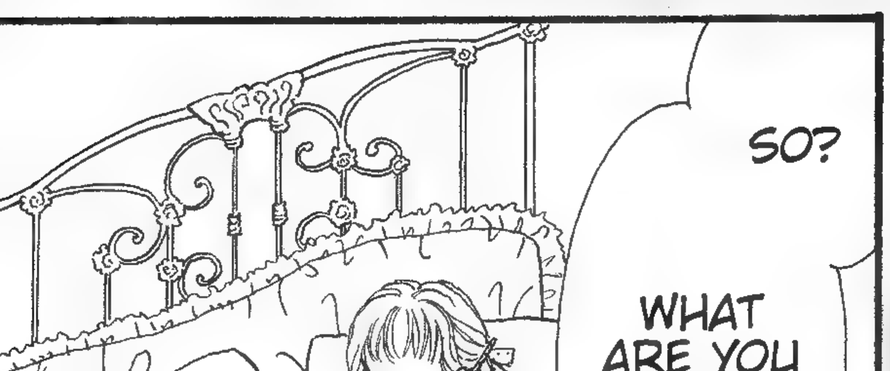
I'VE NEVER SEEN GINTA...

LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT BEFORE.

I SEE...

SO THAT'S WHAT REALLY HAP-PENED.

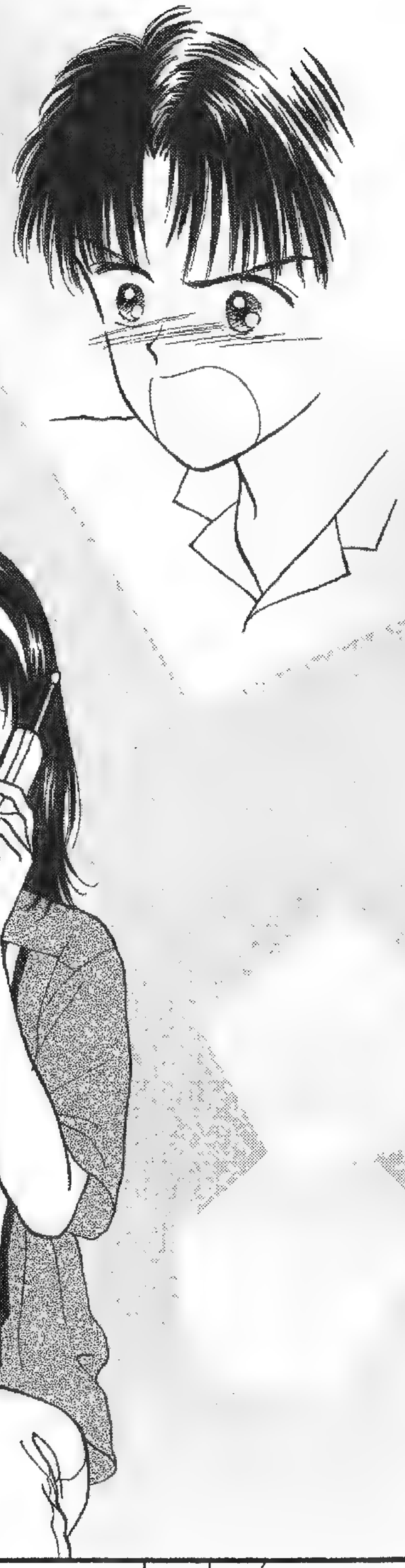


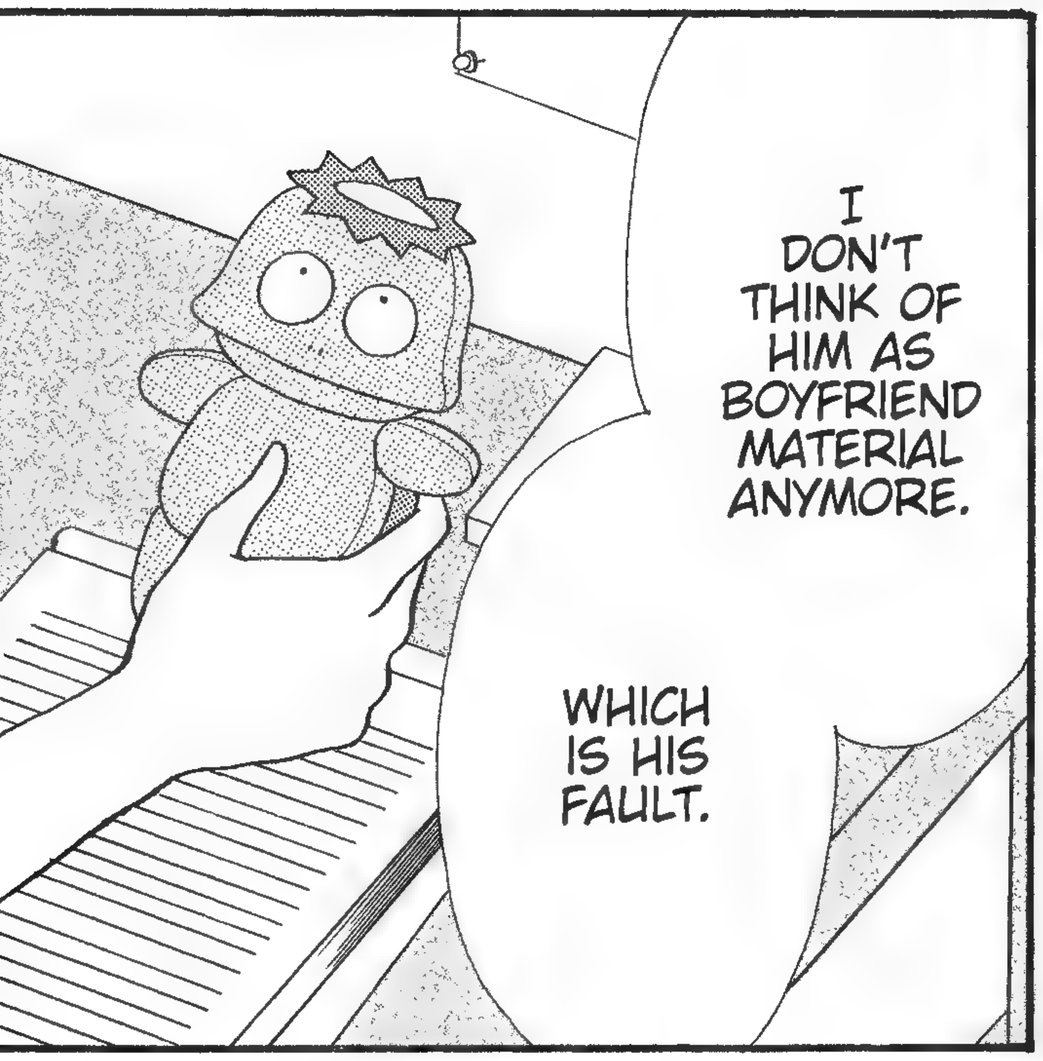


IT WAS LIKE HE WASN'T THE GINTA I KNEW.

IT WAS...

KINDA SCARY.





MAKES NO SENSE.

HIM SUDDENLY TELLING ME TO SEE HIM DIFFER-ENTLY...

I AM N--

You sure?

You're starting to fall for him, aren't you?

There's also Matsuura-kun.

What if you had to choose between them?

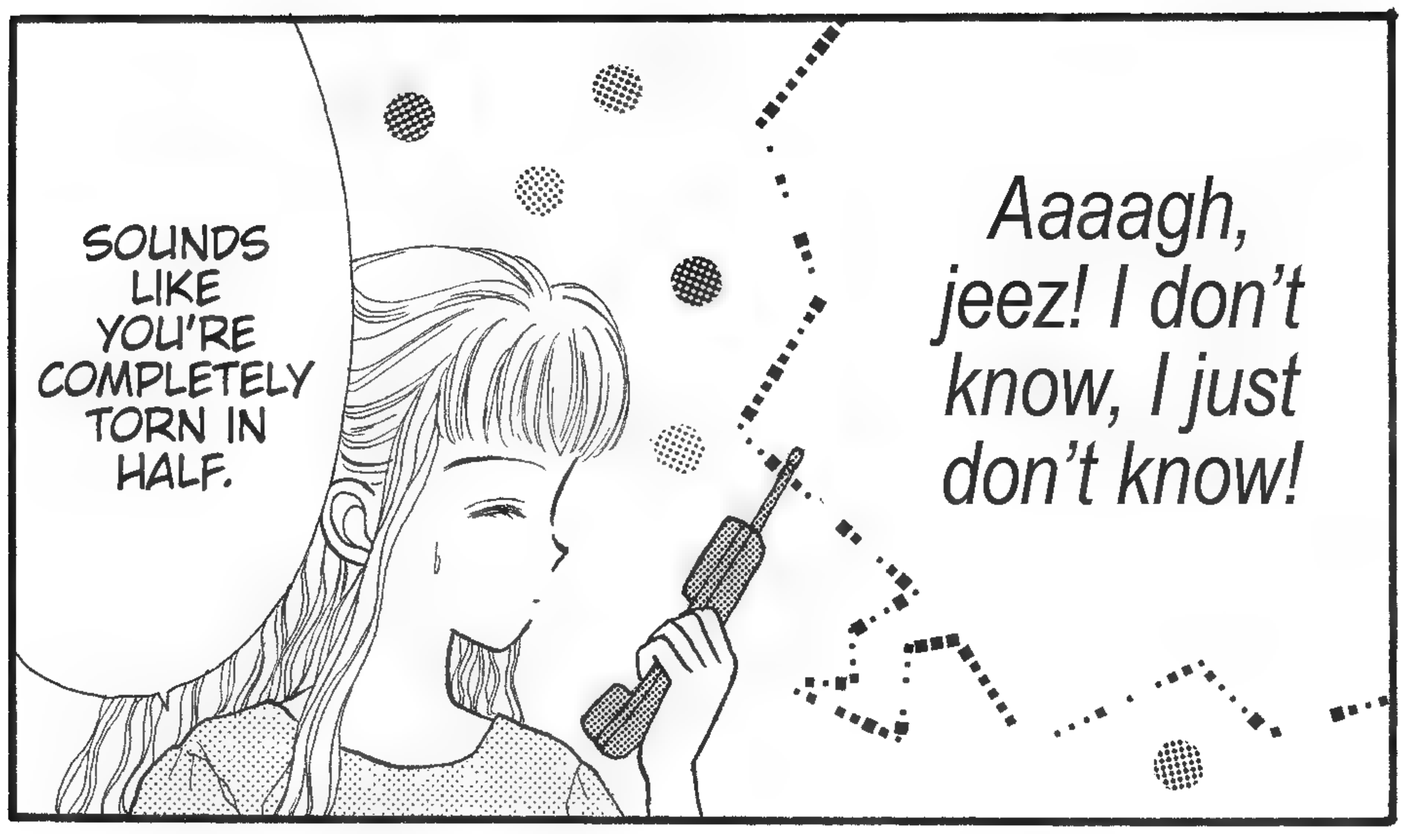
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT.

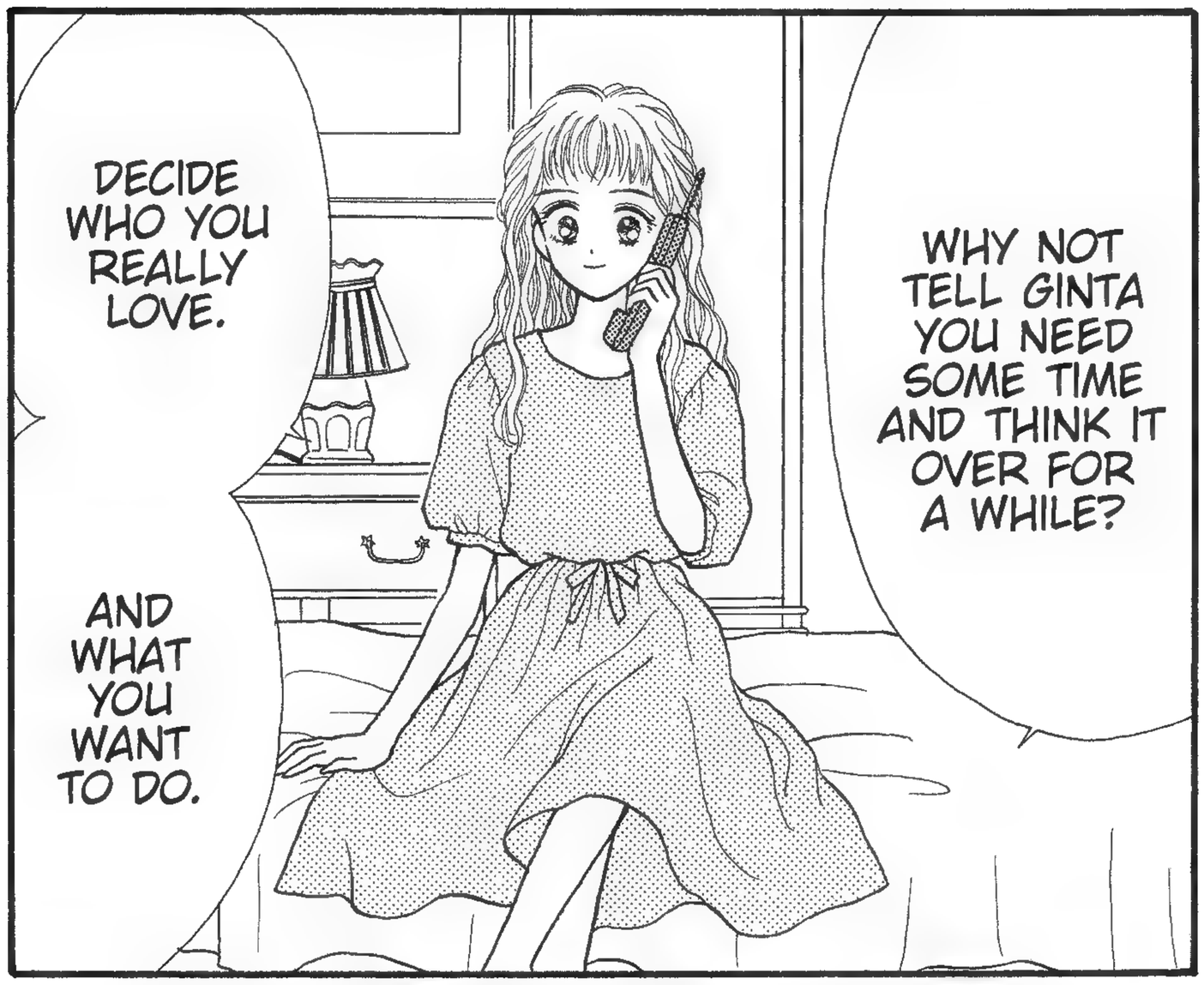
N-NO WAY!

I DON'T KNOW!

I DON'T WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT, THOUGH.

I-I DON'T KNOW.


SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE COMPLETELY TORN IN HALF.
Aaaagh, jeez! I don't know, I just don't know!


DECIDE WHO YOU REALLY LOVE.
AND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.
WHY NOT TELL GINTA YOU NEED SOME TIME AND THINK IT OVER FOR A WHILE?

YEAH...
OKAY. THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO.
THANKS, MEIKO.

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP...

PTNK

Miki

YUP.

YOU TOOK A BATH ALREADY? YOU'RE FAST.

HE HASN'T SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER.

EW! JERK!

DID YOU WANT TO GET IN WITH ME?

HE DOESN'T CARE?

MAYBE THAT MEANS...

GINTA?

Y...

YEAH?

AND IT REALLY CONFUSED ME.

SO, UM...

IT WAS PRETTY SUDDEN. I WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD.

ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED YESTER-DAY...

WILL YOU GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME TO THINK IT OVER?

OKAY.

SURE.

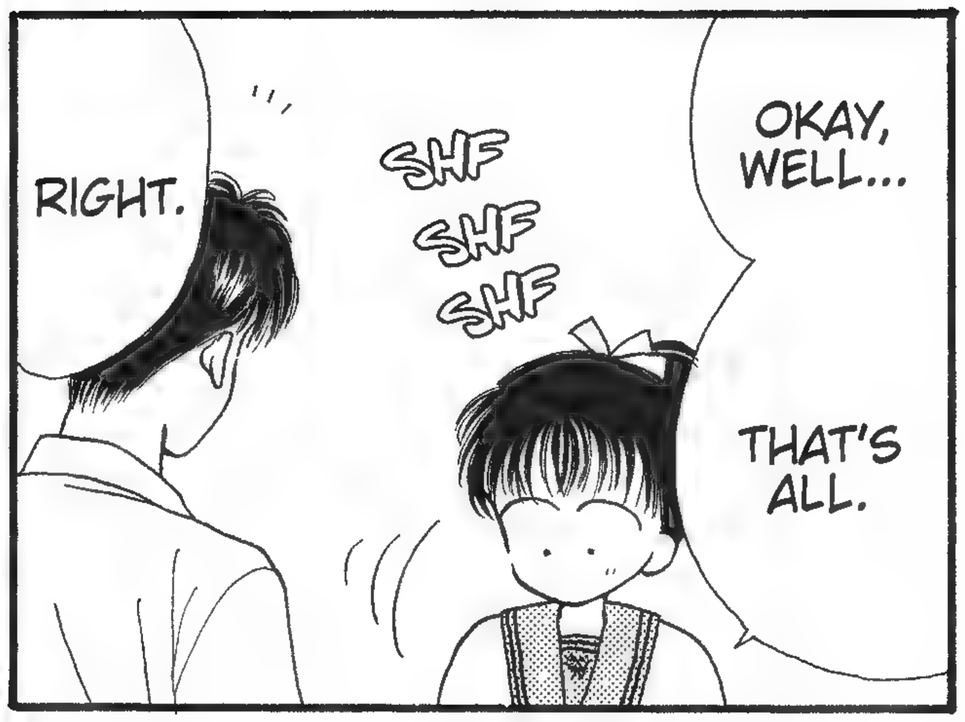
I CAN WAIT.

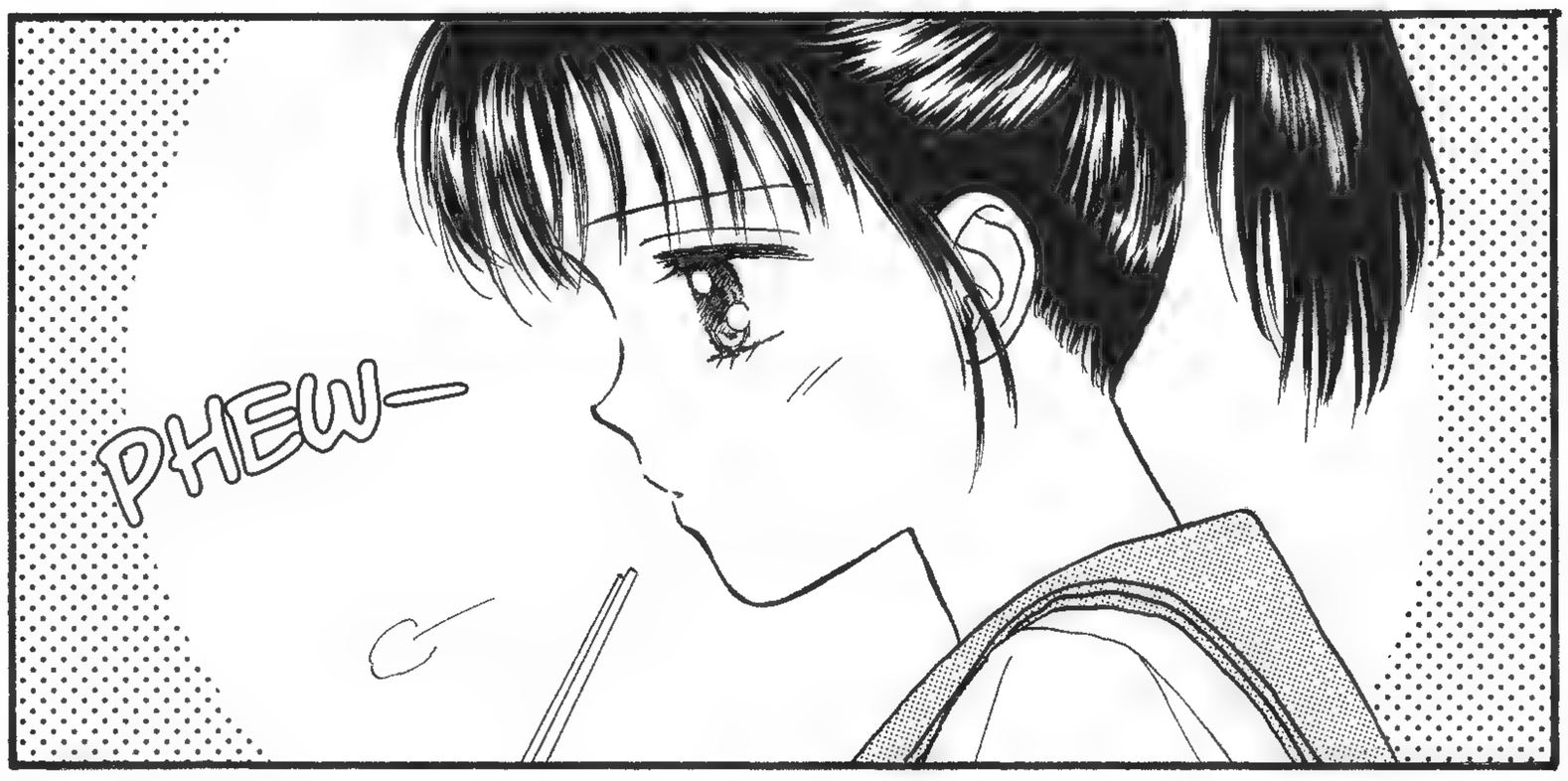
THANK YOU.

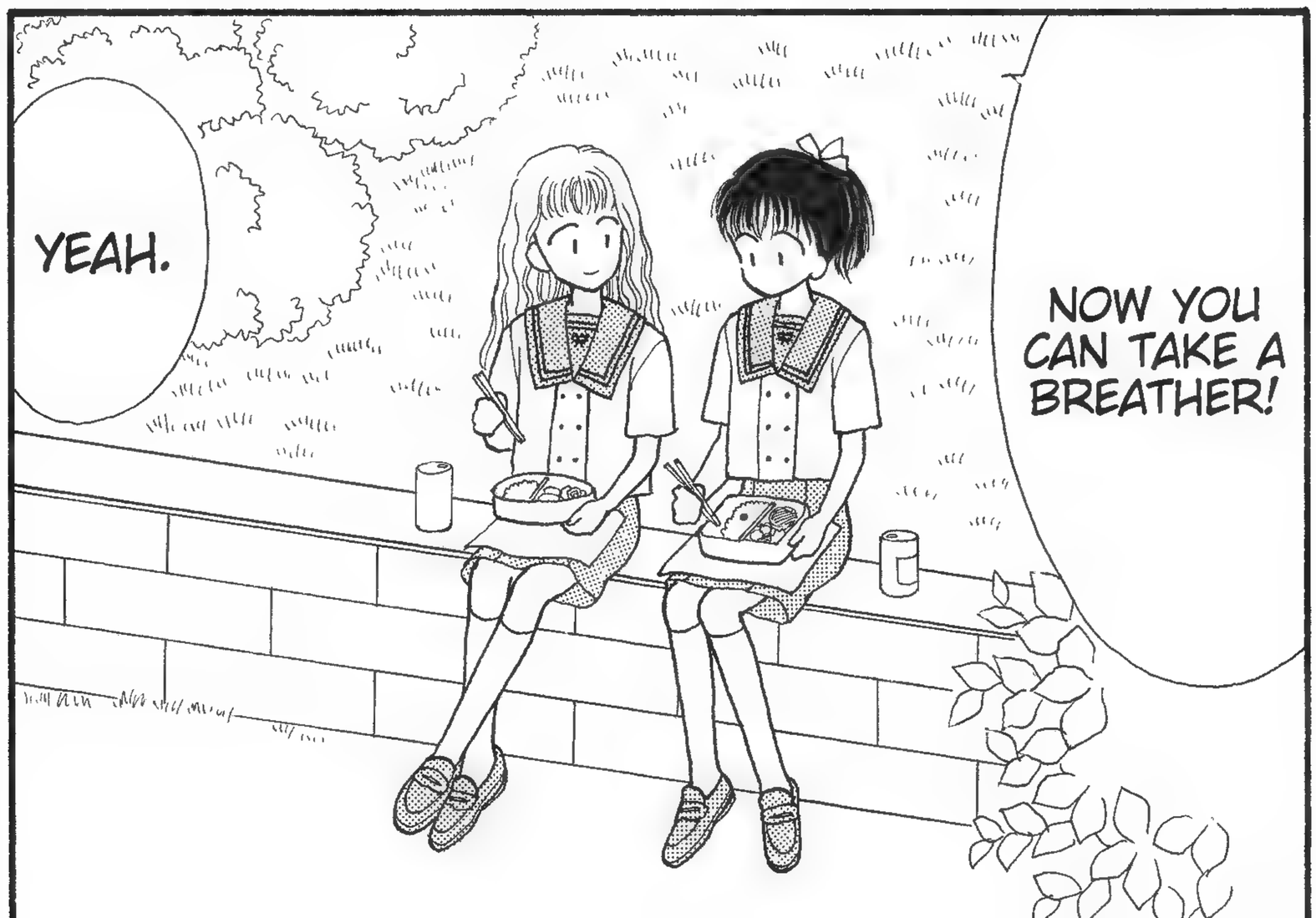
PHEW!

AND UNTIL I FIGURE OUT HOW I FEEL, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE...

TO BE FRIENDS LIKE BEFORE?


RIGHT.
SHF
SHF
SHF
OKAY, WELL...
THAT'S ALL.


PHEW—


YEAH.
NOW YOU CAN TAKE A BREATHER!

OH NO! DON'T GIVE IN TO DE-SPAIR!

HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK I PARTICULARLY LIKE EITHER ONE RIGHT NOW.

WHO DO I LIKE MORE?

BUT I HAVE TO GIVE THIS SERIOUS THOUGHT.

GINTA OR YUU...

MATSUURA-KUN'S IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE?

OR THAT KISS WITH GINTA AFTER SCHOOL IN THE CLASS-ROOM?

HOW ABOUT...

WHOSE KISS MADE YOU HAPPIER?

NEITHER WAS GOOD! THEY BOTH IGNORED MY FEELINGS!!

DON'T ASK ME WEIRD STUFF LIKE THAT!!

Tennis Team - Girls' Changing Room

N...

NO NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP...

YIKES!

はなたり
HALT

MUTTER

SHEESH! THAT MEIKO!

MUTTER

GA-CHK

AH...

.....

.....

I...

I HAVE TO SAY SOME-THING! BUT WHAT?

TH-THIS SILENCE IS AWFUL!!

HE FELL OFF HIS BIKE AND GOT A FRAC-TURE?!

WHAT?!

BAD NEWS! IT'S KONDOU, HE--

GINTA!!

ALL THE OTHER FIRST-YEARS ARE BEGIN-NERS...

WELL, THIS SUCKS.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

KONDOU-KUN BROKE A BONE!

SOUNDS LIKE THE BOYS ARE IN TROUBLE.

APPAR-ENTLY, IT'S NOT *TOO* BAD.

BUT HE'LL HAVE TO MISS NEXT MONTH'S INVITA-TIONAL.

HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SUOU'S DOUBLES PARTNER.

THERE'S NO CHOICE.

TIME FOR INTENSIVE TRAINING!

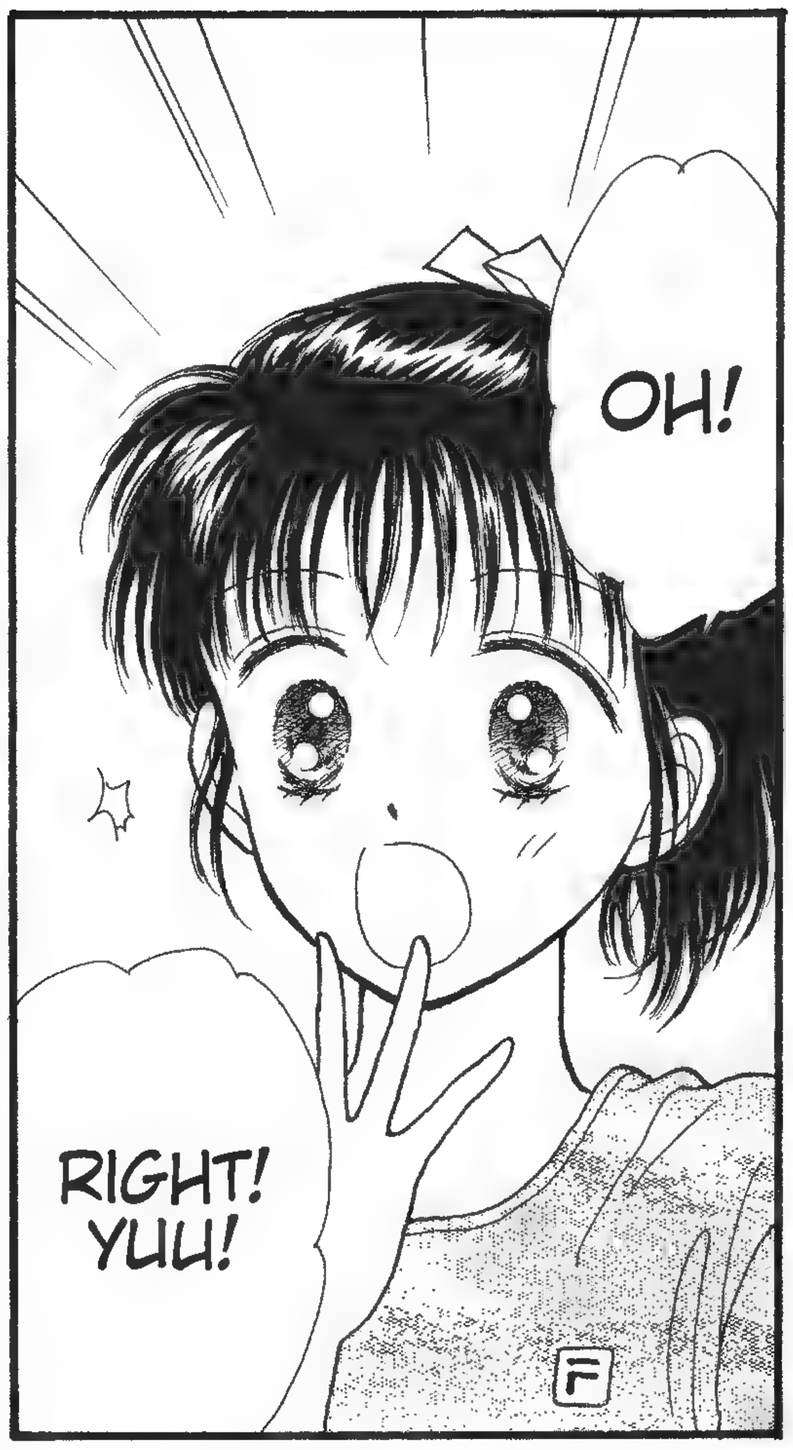
I WAS KIND OF SERI-OUS...

I'LL PUNCH YOU, NAC-CHAN.

NOT THE TIME FOR JOKES.

ALL RIGHT, LET'S DO THIS!

I'LL POSE AS A FIRST-YEAR--



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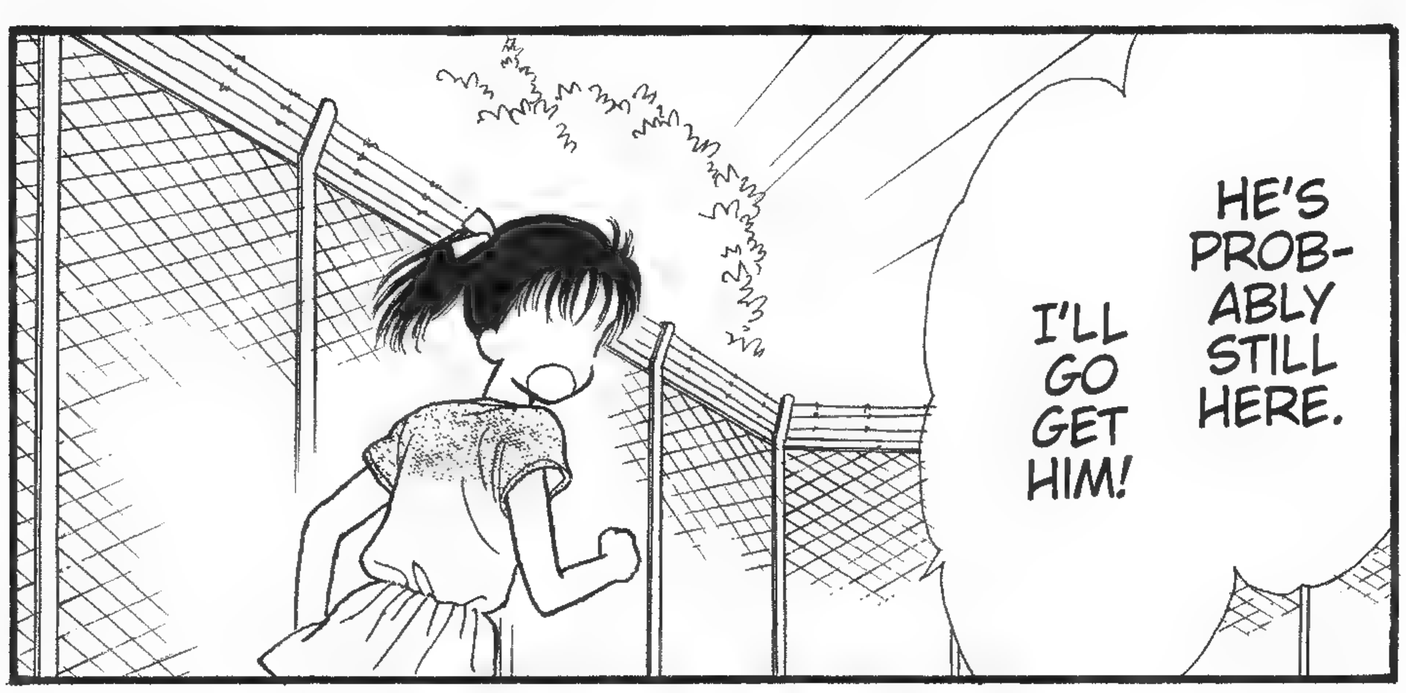

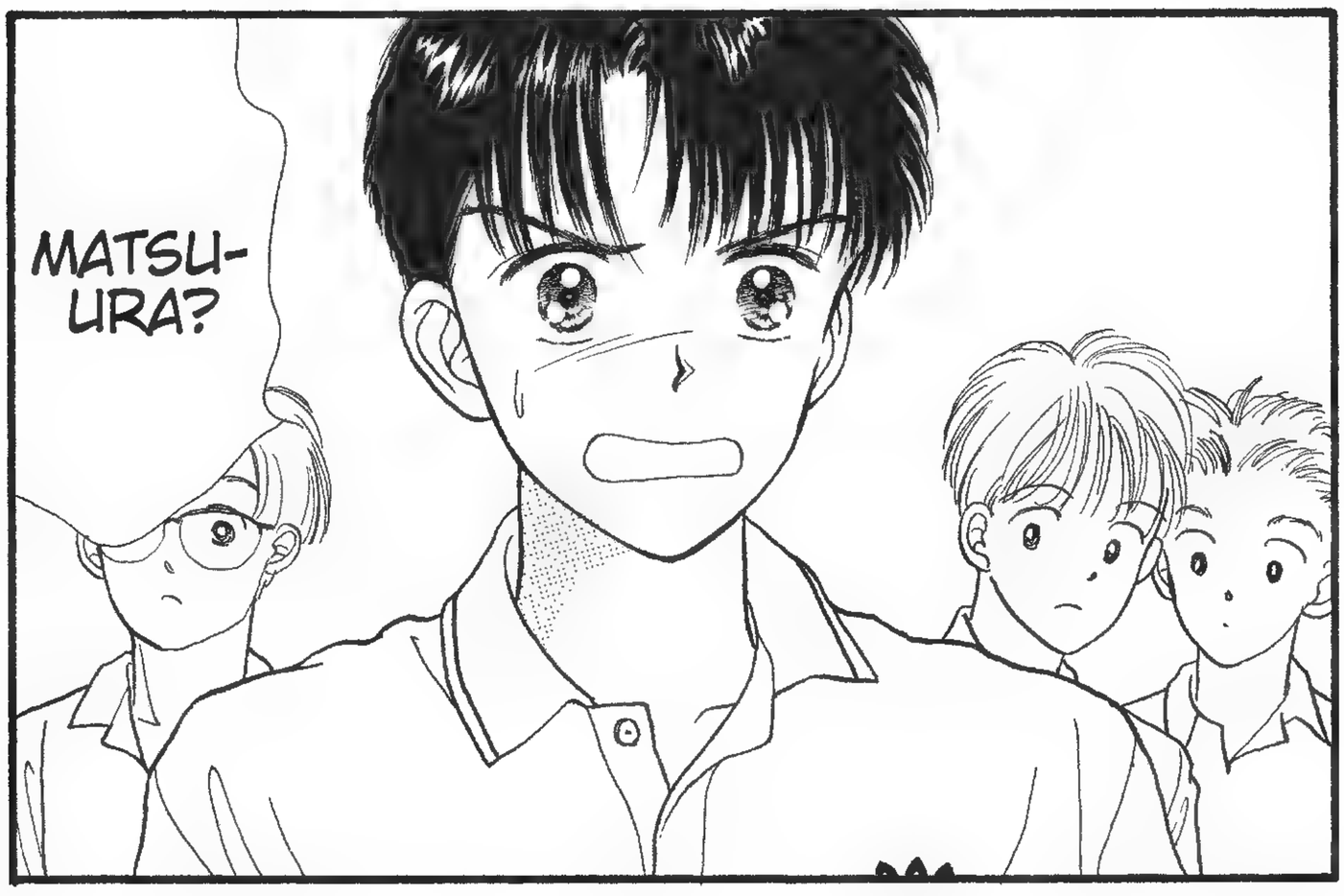

WHA~?

HERE'S A RACKET!

PLEASE?

OH, COME ON! JUST SHOW US ONE SHOT?

TAKK

LET'S GO, MATSU-URA!

Borrowed from a team member.

I SAID I'M NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

WHY DID I HAVE TO CHANGE?

TOKK

HE'S GOOD!

WHOA!

HE'S AMAZ-ING!

WOW...

KILLER FORM!

INCRED-IBLE!

THREE-TWO!

ONE-ALL!

TWO-ONE!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S TRY A FOUR-GAME MATCH!

A GOOD PLAYER AND A WINNER ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

HMPH.

YOU CAN'T WIN WITH FORM ALONE.

HE BEAT NACCHAN!

WHOA!

FOUR-TWO! IT'S MATSUURA!

AMAZ-ING!

TWO SECOND-YEARS PLAY SINGLES MATCHES, WHILE DOUBLES ARE TWO PAIRS OF SECOND-YEARS AND ONE PAIR OF FIRST-YEARS, FOR A TOTAL OF FIVE MATCHES.

YEP! WE DO IT EVERY YEAR.

SCHOOL FESTIVAL INVITATION-AL?

PAIRING UP WITH SOMEONE WHO HATES M--

BUT... SUOU HATES ME.

BUT THE OTHER FIRST-YEAR WHO WAS PAIRED WITH SUOU FOR DOUBLES GOT HURT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN THE CLUB! JUST PLAY THAT MATCH.

WE WERE HOPING YOU MIGHT STEP IN FOR US.

GRAB! かし!

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MATSUURA?

WE'RE CLASS-MATES!!

MAKE SURE YOU WIN!

I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL, SENPAI!

THAT'S GREAT, GINTA! THIS IS PERFECT.

AND THINK OF HOW MANY NEW FANS YOU'LL GET FROM THIS.

ANYWAY, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT.

HA HA!

KINDA FEELS LIKE NO ONE CARES WHAT *I* WANT.

HE REALLY IS!

THAT'S WHY HE'S OUR SCHOOL'S MOST POPULAR TEACHER.

HE'S LIKE THE MODEL OF A GREAT GUY.

THAT GENTLE SMILE FEELS SO HARD TO ARGUE WITH.

NAMURA REALLY IS A GOOD TEACHER.

BUT COME ON, YUU! YOU'RE SO GOOD!

S-SORRY!

YOU REALLY HAD TO TELL THEM?!

WHY DO I HAVE TO PLAY IN THE MATCH?

THAT ASIDE...

CAN WE TALK?

MATSU-URA!

BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE.

I DIDN'T CHOOSE THIS EITHER.

RIGHT.

THE TRUTH IS, I REALLY DON'T... WANT TO BE YOUR PART-NER.

1-B

I *HAVE* TO WIN THIS MATCH.

I CAN'T LOSE TO THE PERSON WE'RE UP AGAINST!!

MATSU-URA!

DID YOU BRING YOUR UNIFORM AND RACKET?

.....?

HEY...!

UGH, FINE. BORROW MINE IF YOU HAVE TO.

JUST MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOURS TO-MORROW!

KLATTA

WE HAVE PRACTICE.

HUH? WHY?

THE MATCH ISN'T TODAY.

YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO THIS!

OB-VIOUSLY, YOU GOTTA PRACTICE BEFORE-HAND.

HOLD ON, THIS ISN'T WHAT WE DIS-CUSSED!!

I ONLY AGREED TO THE MATCH!

BWSH!

UGH...

YOU SIGNED UP, SO YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH!!

I CAN'T STAND HOT-BLOODED GUYS LIKE THIS.

MUTTER

GET AS PUMPED AS YOU WANT, BUT DON'T DRAG OTHER PEOPLE INTO IT.

MUTTER

MY VOLLEY'S IN PERFECT FORM TODAY!!

THERE!

NIKE

NOPE.

YOU SAY SOME-THING?

HE MOVES QUICK AND HE'S GOOD AT PROVIDING COVER.

PLAYING WITH HIM... IS EASY.

HONESTLY...

?

SHIVER...

HE DRIVES ME NUTS.

DAMN, WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BE GOOD AT TENNIS, TOO?

MAYBE THAT MEANS THEY'LL WIN!

YEAH, YEAH!

LOOKS LIKE GINTA AND YUU MAKE A GOOD PAIR!

GINTA...

THEY'RE REALLY IN SYNC.

IT'S TRUE.

WHO KNEW?

WHY DIDN'T HE TELL ME BACK THEN?

AND WHY WOULD HE TELL ME NOW?

GINTA, YOU DUMMY...

BLINK

HUH?

FWP!

THAT WAS WAY TOO OBVIOUS.

OH NO...

.....

Totally hurt.

MIKI...

SO MUCH FOR "BEING FRIENDS LIKE BEFORE"!

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

I'M SORRY, GINTA. I HURT YOU, DIDN'T I?

BUT... BUT...

AND EVEN WHEN WE TALK, YOU AVOID MY GAZE.

THEN TURN AWAY.

YOU LOOK AT ME AND GET THAT FRIGHTENED LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

IF I KNEW IT WOULD MAKE THINGS THIS AWKWARD.

I WOULD NEVER HAVE TOLD YOU...

Gone

HUH?

MATSUURA LEFT THE COURT.

ALL RIGHT, DAMMIT! LET'S PRACTICE OVERHEAD SMASHES!

MATSUURA, LOB A BALL--

RAN AWAY!!

THAT JERK...

WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?!

MATSUU-RAAA!

I CAN'T TAKE ANY-MORE.

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING.

NO WAY.

GET OUT HERE!

I'LL JUST CHILL OUT HERE FOR A BIT.

DON'T WORRY.

NO ONE'S HERE.

CREAK...

PA-TNK

IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.

I'VE BEEN IN THE READING ROOM NEXT DOOR FOR A WHILE AND NO ONE'S ENTERED.

SOME-ONE HERE CAME IN THROUGH THE WINDOW.

SO YOU THINK.

I LOVE YOU.

THOUGH I GUESS THIS PLACE IS PERFECT FOR A TRYST.

IT'S QUIET AND USUALLY EMPTY.

DON'T DO STUFF LIKE THAT HERE.

WHAT A PAIN.

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PLANNING TO BE HERE AWHILE.

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE LEFT THE WAY I CAME IN...

NAMURA-SENSEI AND...

AKIZUKI?!

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No. 7

Wataru's Illustration Gallery

Cover illustration for Cobalt-Pinky's release of volume 3 of *Marmalade Boy* (October '94).

BING BOONG

Namura-sensei. Namura-sensei, you have a call.

Please report to the English Department Office immediately.

I repeat--

BA-TNK

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

A PHONE CALL?

SNEAK...

NOW'S MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

SKREE

I JUST HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE ANY NOISE AND--

WHO--?!

WHO'S THERE?!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO EAVES-DROP.

IT JUST HAP-PENED.

.....!!

AH...!

LATER.

NEXT TIME, CHECK MORE THOROUGHLY THAT NO ONE'S HERE.

W...

WAIT!!

I WON'T.

PLEASE! DON'T... TELL ANY-ONE.

RIGHT. OF COURSE.

I'M SORRY.

YOU'RE NOT THE SORT WHO WOULD.

CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING?

DOES MIKI...

KNOW ABOUT THIS?

.....

NO.

I SEE.

*Marmalade*Boy*

Today is our special episode on the upcoming school festival!

We'll be bringing you messages from every group participating.

Sorry for the wait! It's Lunchtime News!

First up are our volunteers from class 3-A...

WE HAVE A DISPLAY, AND WE'RE SELLING OUR OWN WORKS.

THE SAME AS IN JUNIOR HIGH.

HOW ABOUT THE TENNIS CLUB?

THE LITERATURE CLUB IS PARTICIPATING, RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING?

STRAWBERRY

PA!

Hello!

Matsuura Yuu-kun from class 1-B is here to talk to us!

Next up, on behalf of the boys' tennis team and their annual invitational...

WELL, WE'RE...

KOFF!

Yep. It just kind of happened.

You're covering for one of the doubles players, right?

Now, Matsuura-kun, you aren't a proper member of the team.

WHOAAA!

HE'S NOT DENYING IT?!

Uh... No comment.

Ah ha ha ha!

Any truth to that?

You know, there's a rumor going around that you're in a love triangle with Suou-kun, your partner, and Koishikawa-san.

and cheer us on!!

It's more exciting with a big audience, so please come watch us...

Any-way!

WE GOT A DEATH BY INDIGNATION OVER HERE!

C-CALM DOWN, MIKI!

DEEP BREATHS!

QUAKE QUAKE QUAKE

CALLED IT.

HE SAID THEY'RE IN A LOVE TRIANGLE.

Ginta

MATSU-URA!!

KLATTA

AH!

SLIDE

I HAVE A HARD TIME SAY-ING NO WHEN PEOPLE ASK.

WELL, THEY ASKED ME TO GO ON.

WHAT WAS WITH THAT BROAD-CAST JUST NOW?!

HAVING TOO MANY PEOPLE IS DISTRAC-TING!

I CONCEN-TRATE BETTER WHEN THERE'S A *SMALLER* CROWD!

BUT THAT STUFF ABOUT THE LOVE TRIANGLE-- NO, NEVER MIND THAT!

THEY DON'T KNOW THE GAME, THEY'RE JUST YOUR FANS!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO IF YOUR LITTLE INVITATION MAKES A BUNCH OF PLEBS SHOW UP?

AWW, BUT IT'S BETTER WITH A BIGGER CROWD.

Bulls-eye

ARE YOU THE TYPE THAT BUCKLES UNDER PRES-SURE?

OH.

DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DM

JERK!!

THAT'S NOT THE POINT!

BIING

BOONG

BEENG

BOONG...

WHAT ARE THEY FUSSING ABOUT NOW?

MIKI, WAIT!

I'M HEADING HOME, TOO.

OF COURSE IT IS!

BEING MENTIONED IN A LOVE TRIANGLE IN A BROAD-CAST TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL...

WHAT ARE *YOU* ALL MAD ABOUT?

IS THIS ABOUT THE LUNCH-TIME SHOW?

SNUB

HE'S SO CALM ABOUT IT.

TOTALLY THE WORST.

LET THEM SAY WHAT THEY WANT.

IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

YOU HAVE TO FIRMLY DENY THAT KIND OF THING!!

OH!

YEAH.

LATER, GINTA!

.....

TWITCH

PEEK

LATER, GINTA! ♡

AND WITH YUU...

HAS BEEN AWKWARD EVER SINCE THAT DAY. (I HATE THIS SO MUCH.)

THE GINTA SITUATION...

BUT IT'S DEFINITELY CHANGED A BIT ON THE INSIDE.

IT SEEMS NORMAL ON THE SURFACE...

I'VE STARTED PAYING A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION.

EVER SINCE I REALIZED I MIGHT... **LIKE** HIM...

I CAN'T TRUST HIS WORDS.

--INVITATIONAL?

"IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU, OBVIOUSLY!"

NOT PLAY IN THE INVITATIONAL?

DO THE GIRLS...

HUH?

I WONDER WHAT...

HE THINKS OF ME.

OH, SPEAK-ING OF!

RUMMAGE

AH.

AND WE CHEER ON THE BOYS, OBVIOUSLY.

WE DO IT EVERY YEAR.

OUR TEAM RUNS AN ODEN SHOP.

NOPE!

THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE.

YOU DON'T LIKE ODEN?

OH... OKAY.

HERE.

I HAVE A TICKET FOR YOU, SO COME STOP BY!

THAT'S RIGHT.

BE WEIRD IF A GUY GAVE ME ONE.

THEY'RE *ALL* FROM GIRLS?

I'VE JUST GOTTEN SO MANY TICKETS FROM ALL THESE DIFFERENT GIRLS FOR THEIR SHOPS...

FLUTTER

I'M NOT SURE MY STOMACH IS BIG ENOUGH.

.....

I SEE!

DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF!

NO, I'LL TAKE IT.

EVEN IF I GIVE IT TO YOU, IT'LL ONLY GO TO WASTE.

HUH?

GUESS YOU WON'T NEED THIS, THEN!

SINCE YOU HAVE SO MANY, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO EAT IT ALL!

Oden 250 円

Oden

MIKI!

I SAID I'LL GO!

DASH!!

I'LL DEFINITE-LY BE THERE.

PLEASE!

Oden
Smash
150円

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU...

IF YOU'RE FORCING YOUR-SELF.

THANKS.

I GO WEAK...

WHEN HE SMILES LIKE THIS.

MAYBE I...

REALLY AM...

FALLING FOR YUU.

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BUMMER.

WAIT, THE WAITRESSES AREN'T IN THEIR TENNIS UNIFORMS?

NOT AGAIN WITH THAT STUPID...

STUFF...

YUU!

YO, MIKI!

I'M HERE FOR MY ODEN.

SHE CAME TO CHECK IT OUT!

I RAN INTO HER OUT THERE.

A...

ARIMI-SAN!

Oolong Tea

Soft Drinks 120 円

HELLO!

THANKS AGAIN FOR THE OTHER DAY.

EH HEH...

THEY SEEM SUPER CLOSE!

SHOULD YOU REALLY LEAVE THEM BE?

SHE'S YUU'S JUNIOR HIGH CLASSMATE.

HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT MEGA-CUTE GIRL?!

ODEN

むかむか

MRRR!

GLANCE

I-IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS!

OKAY, SURE.

YOU SHOULD SEE IT WITH ME.

HEY, THIS MOVIE LOOKS FUNNY!

18th Toryo Festival

BUT THAT NEVER INCLUDED BRINGING ARIMI-SAN!!

OF ALL PEOPLE!!

SURE, HE CAME TO EAT LIKE HE PROMISED.

WHAT IS YUU DOING?

FWOOOAR

MIKI'S FIRED UP...

ODEN SMASH

YUU, YOU JERK!!

I'M HERE TO CHEER YOU ON!

I KNOW!

I HAVE TO PLAY A TENNIS MATCH.

OH, RIGHT. I WON'T BE ABLE TO HANG OUT WITH YOU THIS AFTER-NOON.

OH, I SEE!

I NEVER ASKED WHAT SCHOOL WE'RE PLAYING.

WAIT...

YOUR OPPONENTS ARE FROM SAKAKI ACADEMY, RIGHT?

HUH? HOW DID YOU KNOW?

I HEARD FROM A MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

THAT'S MY SCHOOL.

KLATTA!

YOUR SCHOOL?!

SO DOES THAT MEAN--

YUP.

HE'S HERE.

OUR OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN HERE A WHILE!

MATSU-URA!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED.

THE TRUTH IS, THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE OTHER TEAM I CAN'T STAND.

I DON'T WANNA.

IT'S WAY TOO LATE TO SAY THAT!

?

WHAT'S ALL THAT ABOUT?

ON TOP OF THAT, IN THIRD YEAR I STARTED DATING THIS GIRL HE HAD A CRUSH ON. SO, HE HATED ME EVEN MORE.

WE WERE BOTH ON THE TENNIS TEAM, BUT HE COULD NEVER BEAT ME. HE'S HAD IT IN FOR ME EVER SINCE.

WE WERE CLASS-MATES IN JUNIOR HIGH.

AH, HELLO! I'M SUOU.

HUH? AREN'T YOU...?

HI! I'M SUZUKI ARIMI!

WE BROKE UP A WHILE AGO, THOUGH.

YEAH, HER.

YOU HAD A GIRL-FRIEND?

ROKU-TANDA TSUTOMU?

WAIT.

.....

IS HIS NAME...

ANYWAY, HE BUGS ME, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM.

LONG TIME, NO SEE, MATSUURA!

WAIT. YOU KNOW HIM, TOO?

SO THE GUY YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T LOSE TO IS...

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE-ING YOU AGAIN!

I'VE BEEN ANTICIPAT-ING THIS DAY EVER SINCE I HEARD YOU'D BECOME GINTA'S PARTNER!

NOW I CAN GET BACK AT BOTH OF YOU IN ONE GO!

TSU-TOMU!

HERE HE IS.

I HAVEN'T.

YOU CAME TO CHEER ME ON?!

AH!

ARIMI!

WAY TOO MUCH FIGHTING SPIRIT.

WELL, YOU'RE AS FULL OF FIGHTING SPIRIT AS EVER.

PEEK

THAT DOESN'T MATTER!

WAIT, WHAT?! BUT YOU TWO BROKE UP!

HUH?!

PHBBBT!

NO WAY! I'M HERE FOR YUU!

ARIMI...

I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE.

JUST GIVE UP ALREADY!!

BWAH HA HA HA-HA!

BETTER RUN YOUR MOUTH WHILE YOU CAN!

THAT'S MY LINE!!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT, HUH?

SCREW YOU!

PA-THETIC!

BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER AGAIN?

UM...

SORRY TO INTER-RUPT.

C

O

U

S

I

N

HE'S MY COUSIN!

HOW SO?!

YOU ARE A LOT ALIKE.

COUSINS, HUH?

WE'RE AROUND THE SAME AGE AND GET COMPARED ALL THE TIME, SO WE'VE BEEN RIVALS SINCE WE WERE KIDS.

THE WAY YOU BOTH GET WORKED UP AND DRIVE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU CRAZY.

KID-DING!

I'M KID-DING!

YOU'RE NOT ALIKE AT ALL!

AH!

IF YOU'RE HIS COUSIN, THEN ARE YOU THE ONE WHO WENT TO WIMBLEDON...

AND BOUGHT THOSE PINS?

SMALL WORLD.

OHHH.

GINTA'S COUSIN IS THE ONE WHO WAS IN LOVE WITH ARIMI-SAN, HUH?

SO YOU'RE THE GIRL GINTA GAVE THE PIN TO?

HUH?

YEAH...

WHA...?!

TSU-TOMU!!

I SEE!

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE ALSO THE ONE GINTA STUPIDLY REJECTED EVEN THOUGH YOU BOTH LIKED EACH OTHER!!

CHATTER

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT WAS THAT?

WAIT, WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

I-I'M NOT...!

UM. UH...

WH...

WHERE DID ALL THESE PEOPLE COME FROM?

BUT YOU'RE DATING MATSU-URA NOW.

HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

SO HE REALLY *DID* LIKE HER BACK THEN.

HE MUST MEAN THE LOVE LETTER FIASCO IN JUNIOR HIGH.

I HATE YOU!

GINTA, YOU BIG MOUTH!!

GLARE

FLINCH

DASH

SLUMP

BWAH HA HA HA HA HA!

SHE HATES YOU!

I HATE YOU!

SHOCK

NIKE

BWAH HA HA HA HA!

RUNNING HIS MOUTH LIKE THAT!

THAT IMBECILE...

WH...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

Playing offense

SHUT UP!!

THAT BEATS BEING SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER HAD A GIRL-FRIEND IN HIS LIFE!!

AT LEAST I HAD SOMEONE WHO LIKED ME BACK!

IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT!

HUFF!

HUFF!

LET'S DECIDE THIS ON THE COURT!

SQUAB-BLING WON'T CHANGE ANY-THING!

HUFF!

HUFF!

MO-RONS.

I CAN'T TAKE THIS.

BICKER BICKER BICKER

AGH! ARGH!

Furoku

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Furoku

I HAVE A BETTER IDEA.

.....

HOW ABOUT IT?

WHETHER IT'S YOU OR ME...

THE LOSER HAS TO GET ON HIS KNEES.

CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER PUNISHMENTS.

WHOEVER LOSES...

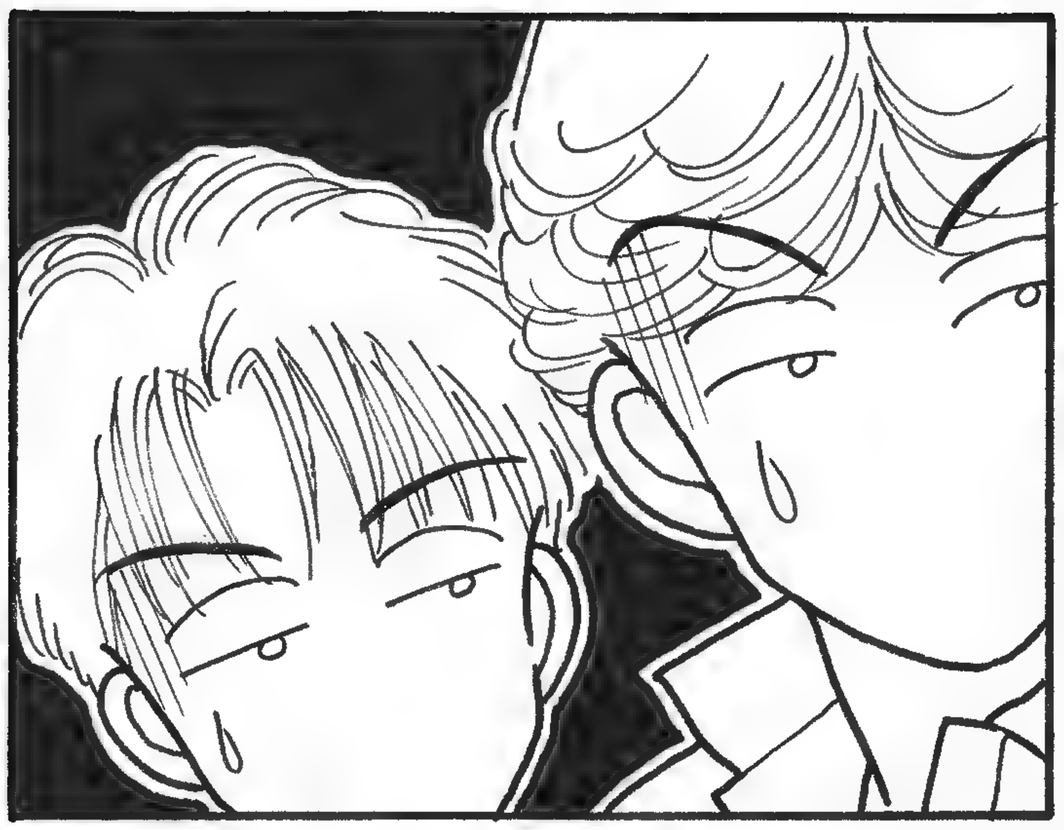
SHAVES HIS HEAD BALD!

WWWW!

FINE.

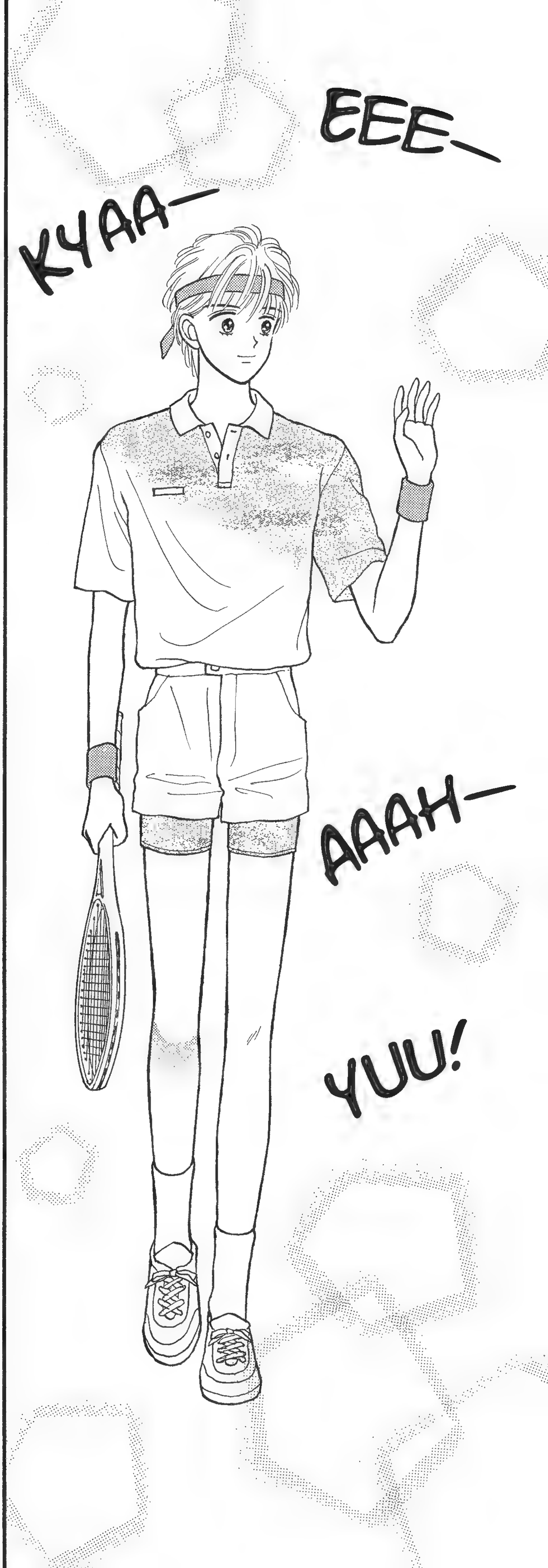
I'LL ACCEPT YOUR WAGER!

MURMUR...



OH, YOU THINK SO?
THANKS!
WHAT'S WITH THAT FLASHY GETUP?
TENNIS ISN'T ABOUT THE OUT-FIT!

ENJOY-ING?!
CLOTHES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF ENJOYING TENNIS.
THIS IS A SERIOUS MATCH!
NIKE


EEE—
KYAA—
AAAH—
YUU!

KNEW IT.

I WAS SURE IT WAS SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

Y...

STILL, WE DID A GOOD JOB!

YOU'RE SHARP, YUU-KUN!

EVERY-THING YOU WERE SAYING SOUNDED SO SCRIPTED.

PRETTY MUCH.

AH, YOU FIGURED US OUT!

Script by Koishi-kawa Jin

SUPERVISION

AND THE GLASS WE BROKE TODAY...

IT'S A SHAME ABOUT THE FLOWER VASE, THOUGH.

IT WAS SO MUCH FUN! LIKE BEING ACTORS!

SNAP

ポカーン

YOU JERKS!!

POLO

I'M GONNA MAKE BOTH OF 'EM SHAVE THEIR HEADS BALD!!

WE'VE GOT THIS!!

DON'T WORRY.

WHAA?!

DUDE!! COME ON!

BUT IF HIS HAIR'S ON THE LINE, HE MIGHT ACTUALLY TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

HE'S PROBABLY THINKING, "I DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS. I JUST WANNA GET IT OVER WITH."

THAT MIGHT BE FOR THE BEST.

MATSU-URA'S INCLUD-ED IN THE BET NOW?

Sharp

THEN IT'S SET-TLED!!

SURE.

LET'S DO IT.

THE LOSING TEAM HAS TO SHAVE THEIR HAIR OFF.

HUH?

HOLD ON, A BET?

FIVE MINUTES TO WARM-UP.

HERE'S A BALL.

NIKE

NO WAY!!

THE WINNER IS THE BEST OF THREE SETS!

SAKAKI SERVING! PLAY!

WHOOO!

SHAVE OUR HAIR OFF?!

SH...

THIS ISN'T FUNNY.

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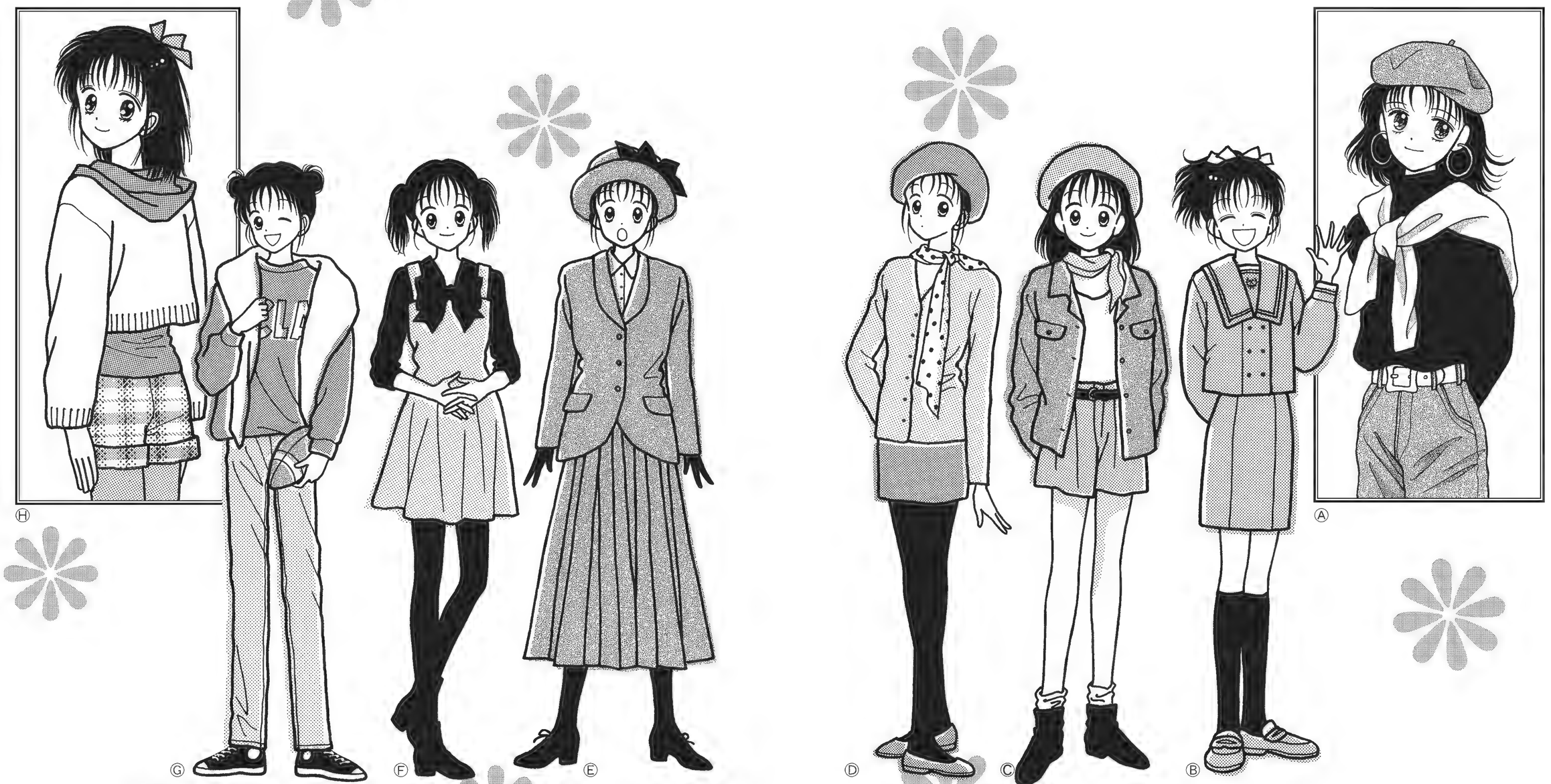

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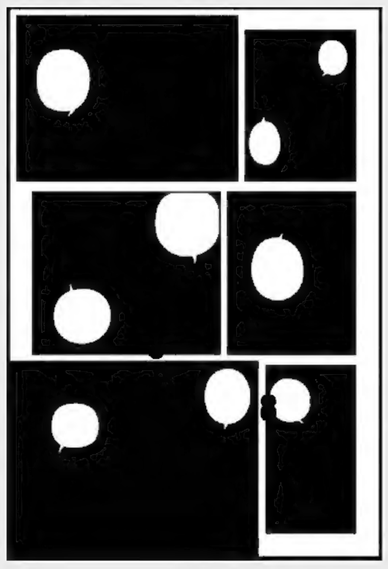

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Miki's life was pretty ordinary until the day her parents told her they were swapping spouses with another couple! Thanks to this unconventional arrangement, Miki now has two new stepparents *and* a hot new stepbrother, Yuu! Miki isn't exactly thrilled with her new situation, and though Yuu is super cute, he's also kind of a jerk. Can Miki sort out her complicated feelings for him and come to terms with her new family?

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